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Venice may close bridge

Repairs to begin next year

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols is considering whether to completely close the McKinley Bridge next year to speed up planned repairs.

About \$11 million in state and federal funds have been pledged to rehabilitate the deck on the western side of the bridge. Work is scheduled to begin on the project next spring.

Echols told members of the Venice City Council Tuesday that engineers have suggested that the bridge be completely closed during the renovation.

"I told them it was so numbing, I didn't know how I felt," he said. "It has its pluses, but it will send shock waves through the state of

"It has its pluses, but it will send shock waves through the state of Illinois and the (bridge) workers."

Tyrone Echols
 Venice Mayor

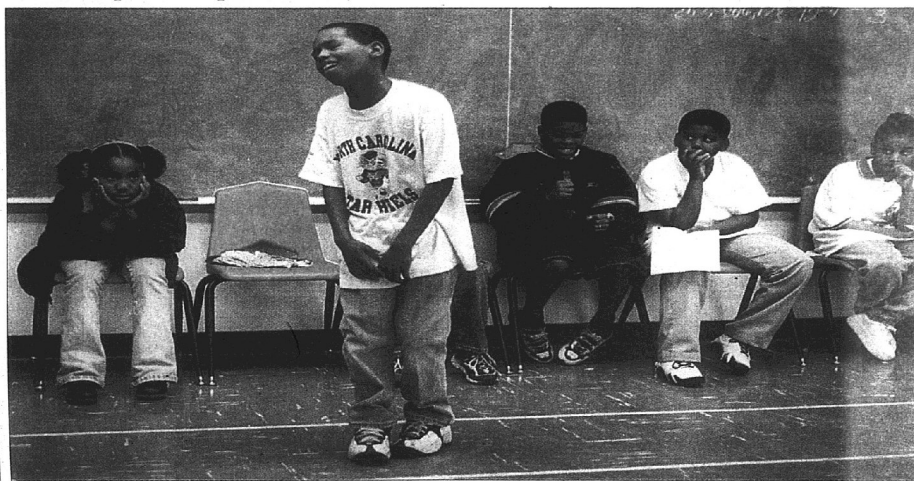
Illinois and the (bridge) workers."

The bridge employs about 20 people in its toll collection operation. They would be laid off if the bridge closed.

One of the major uses of the bridge is to route heavy truck traffic away from the Poplar Street Bridge complex. However, it is those heavy

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Champion speller



Venice Elementary School student Jonte Nunley reacts after getting a difficult word to spell in a spelling bee at the school. He was able to spell the word and eventually won the bee. See story on Page 2A.

Doughty pleads innocent

Reports that he skipped court appearance incorrect

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Despite reports to the contrary, Venice Superintendent James Doughty pleaded innocent Wednesday through his attorney - to criminal charges that he illegally withheld checks from teachers.

A court clerk apparently failed to include information that Doughty's attorney, Ronald Siemer, had filed

Doughty's plea that day.

That clerical error led to several critical newspaper articles about Doughty's alleged non-appearance.

"I have no idea why there are false stories circulating that Dr. Doughty failed to appear and where they arose," Siemer said in a press release

"I have no idea why there are false stories circulating."

Ronald Siemer
 Attorney

"The only class of criminal offenses lower than this are petty offenses such as speed-

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School bus in accident

7 students suffer minor injuries in crash with garbage truck

By Mike Hill
 Staff writer

A school bus driver and several students were transported to St. Elizabeth Medical Center Wednesday afternoon after the bus was struck by a garbage truck.

The driver of the bus and seven students attend Lake School were treated for minor injuries and later released.

The garbage truck driver,

Kirby Withworth, 36, of 228 Woodland Trails, Collinsville, was not injured, but was charged with failure to yield for a right-of-way and improper brakes.

The truck that Withworth was driving belongs to Waste Management of St. Louis. Officials from the company could not be reached for comment.

The bus is owned by Laidlaw Transit, Inc. John Buxton, branch manager of Laidlaw, said that an estimated damage report on the Ford

E 350 bus has not been received and the bus driver had not returned to work since the collision. The driver, Buxton said, was upset and shaken.

According to a Granite City police report, the garbage truck struck the bus about 2:30 p.m. Withworth, who stated in the report that the brakes had failed, went through the stop sign while traveling westbound on Edwards Road. The truck skidded a short distance

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Jobs earn business park development award



Scott Cousins photo

From left, SWIDA Executive Director Alan Ortals stands with Jay Dinkelmann and Rich Saugel, both with the Sauget Business Park, and SWIDA Chairman Terry Schaefer.

Authority honors Sauget Business Park

By Nicole Vaughn
 Staff writer

Creating more than 500 jobs and making a \$25 million investment earned the Sauget Business Park top honors.

It was named "Outstanding Development of the Year" for 1998 during a luncheon

Thursday at Collinsville's Gateway Center. The event and the award are sponsored by the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority. SWIDA Chairman Terry

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Wright cherishes honor

Ten earn Women of Achievement awards this year

By Nancy L. Ide
 Staff writer

To Katie Wright, the small engraved medallion she wears on a fine gold chain is more than a piece of favorite jewelry.

The necklace is a symbol of the recognition Wright received in 1974, when she was named a Woman of Achievement in the education category.

"The award means so much to me," said Wright, who cherishes the medallion she received at the Women of Achievement awards ceremony that year. "It validates

what I and other people have accomplished together."

Wright, of East St. Louis, worked as director of special education at school districts 188 and 189 in Illinois, in addition to working as a volunteer in the community. Her husband later had the medallion made into a necklace by adding a small circle of diamonds and rubies, and connecting it to a delicate chain.

The Women of Achievement Awards were established in 1953 by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. With the demise of the Globe in 1986, the Suburban Journals and KMOX-AM (1120) assumed sponsorship of the awards pro-

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Police blotter

Granite City Police

ASSAULT: Kimberly Arnold, 31, of 2420 Benton, was charged Thursday with assault. According to a police report, Arnold chased a neighbor, cursing and making threatening remarks. Arnold, the report stated, apparently believed that the neighbor had reported her to the Division of Child and Family Services.

THEFT: An apartment was burglarized in the 2000 block of State Street between April 16 and 29.

The victim, who was serving time in Madison County Jail when the burglary occurred, returned to his apartment to find that someone had forced the front door open and had stolen \$200 in cash, a television, shoes and a Visa card and a Nations Bank card. The value of the items was not listed.

While the responding officer was investigating the burglary, the officer smelled what he perceived to be gas. The Granite City Fire Department was called and had to shut off the main gas supply unit. People in the apartment complex were evacuated.

WARRANTS: Timothy Baugh, 19, of 521 Art St., was arrested early Monday morning on an in-state warrant for failure to appear for driving without insurance. Baugh was pulled over on Edwardsville Road about 3 a.m. for not having a registration plate. At that time, the responding officer learned, according to a police report, of Baugh's warrant and subsequently took him into custody.

Norman Thomas, 29, of 1515 45th Street in East St. Louis was arrested late Thursday evening on a warrant for driving without insurance. Thomas was taken into custody about 11:15 p.m. Timothy Briggs, 34, of 3109 Myrtle, was charged Monday evening with driving under the influence.

According to a Granite City police report, Briggs was driving recklessly along Benton and Adams streets. He swerved in and out of traffic, almost striking numerous vehicles about 8 a.m.

He was pulled over at Benton Street shortly afterward, in which the responding officer proceeded to give him a sobriety test. Briggs, according to the report, held on to the side of his vehicle to keep his balance and almost fell several times. He was taken into custody and his car was towed.

THEFT: Todd Biggs, 24, of 2661 East 24th St., was charged early Monday morning with theft. About 3:33 a.m. Biggs pulled into the Amoco service station on Madison Avenue to fill his car with gasoline. Afterward, he allegedly sped away.

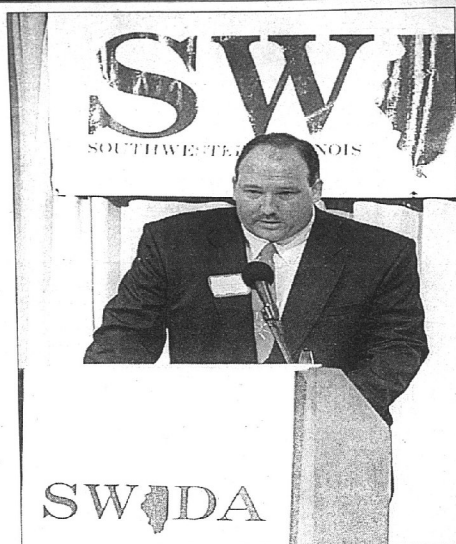
Students injured in bus accident

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a short distance before it struck the bus on the driver's side in the middle of the intersection between Edwards Road and Hall Street.

The impact caused the vehicles to skid across Edwards Road before coming to a halt near Hall Street. The bus was traveling southbound on Hall Street. Two ambulances from the Granite City Fire Department were dispatched to the scene, arriving about 2:40 p.m. Nine students were on the bus, of which two were rushed to SEMC. Five students were treated by emergency personnel before they were transported, while two others were treated and released to their parents. The parents arrived after being notified about the wreck.

Nancy Sanders, principal at Lake School, said several of the parents called her Thursday morning to say that their children would not attend school for the day because of the crash.



Shawn Barnes, head golf professional at Gateway National Golf Links, speaks at a luncheon sponsored by the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

Scott Cousins photo

SWIDA honors businesses

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Jay Dinkelmann, director of the business park, and to Rich Sautet, who, with his late brother, Vincent, helped develop it.

Schafer said the park takes advantage of a variety of transit systems. "With air, surface, rail and river transportation, it has created a unique business opportunity in St. Clair County while under the shade of the Arch in downtown St. Louis," Schafer said.

The park is home to four businesses: Holten Meat Co., Mid-America Fiber Co., Afton Fabricating and R and L Carriers. Two others — Stellar Manufacturing and Volvo Truck Dealership — are under construction.

The ceremony drew a crowd of more than 300 that included several local officials. St. Clair County Board Chairman John McDonough, Madison County Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci, Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, Troy Mayor Tom Caraker, Madison Mayor John Hamm III, Fairview Heights Mayor Gail Mitchell and East St. Louis City Manager Curtis Galloway were among them.

Keynote speaker was Pam McDonough, who became the first female director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. She was appointed by Gov. George Ryan in January.

McDonough said residents of southwestern Illinois were the real winners Thursday. She said an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent and the more than 50 projects totaling \$295 million that SWIDA has backed "shows your efforts are working." Two other projects were recognized as finalists: Lincoln Place Shopping

Center and Gateway National Golf Links. Lincoln Place, which opened in July in Fairview Heights, was honored for creating more than 300 jobs and the potential generation of \$65 million in annual retail sales.

Jim Koman, president of Koman Properties, which developed the site, thanked SWIDA and Fairview Heights for making the shopping center a reality.

It was de ja vu for Gateway International Raceway in Madison for its adjacent Gateway National Golf Links. The raceway received the first Outstanding Development award last year.

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'They're just really excited about learning'

Spelling bee among events drawing Venice students' interest in after-school program

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It started out with easy words like "star" and "bicycle." As the eight contestants spelled out word after word, they were forced out one by one, leaving only three.

At that point, the teacher was starting to become concerned because they were running out of words. Then another dropped out, and Jonte Nunley and Tammie Starnes were left.

A few more rounds, and Tammie faltered on "museum," and Jonte finished her off with "police."

The students, all fifth-graders at Venice Elementary School, were participating in spelling and math bees as part of the district's after-school tutorial program. Cheryl Nelson, a substitute teacher for the district and a student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, was in charge of the class.

About 150 students participate in the program, funded by a grant through the Madison County Urban League and the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is for approximately \$750,000 over a three-year period.

Rose Anderson-Rice, director of education for the local Urban League, said it has been "very successful," although it has been in operation only a short time.

"They're just really excited about learning," Anderson-Rice said. "I feel that's a positive thing."

"What we're trying to create is a learning center. We want to offer adult education,

"They're working on skills they've worked on during the day, and they've developed good relations with their tutors. It's always good to have new faces in."

Rachelle Artis
School principal

computer, Internet access, all types of things."

The program started with the elementary tutorial program for this year. A similar program will start in the high school in the fall, and other programs will be added after that.

Anderson-Rice said many of the tutors come from SIUE.

"They must have positive attitude and believe all kids can learn," Anderson-Rice said. "The kids have really bonded with their tutors."

Venice Elementary Principal Rachelle Artis agrees. "I think it's going very well," Artis said. "All the students are very excited to participate."

"They're working on skills they've worked on during the day, and they've developed good relations with their tutors. It's always good to have new faces in."

The program ended for the school year Thursday, but will resume June 21 for the summer.

Lanes being shut down on I-64

By Val McDowell
Staff writer

Metro East motorists who travel Interstate 64 into and out of St. Louis may want to find an alternate route.

Let from the split at Interstate 55/70 in East St. Louis to Interstate 255 now has lane restrictions in each direction. During rush hours, two lanes will remain open.

During nonpeak hours, traffic may be reduced to one lane. Rush hours are 6 to 9 a.m. for westbound traffic and 3 to

6 p.m. for eastbound traffic. I-64 has six lanes, three heading east and three heading west.

A 5-mile stretch is under construction. Roger Watson, district construction engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said the lanes are long overdue for repairs.

"These lanes haven't had much work done on them since

the early '70s, and it's not like they're being done one minute before they need to," he said.

Watson said the work will be done in two phases: road resurfacing and bridge repairs. There are eight small bridges on I-64 that need to be resurfaced, he said. He expects the lane resurfacing to take a month and the bridge repairs to be finished in October.

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Renaming street for Lanter gets tentative council OK

Two black members are opposing proposal

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The renaming of Collinsville Avenue in Madison to Wayne Lanter Avenue was given tentative approval by the Madison City Council Wednesday.

The Council met to discuss the issue as a committee of the whole Wednesday. It could take no official action, but voted 6-2 in favor of recommending the change. The actual vote could take place as early as Tuesday.

Lanter, a Belleville businessman who built his company into a "national player" in the specialty warehousing and distribution business, died Feb. 23, 1993.

Renaming a street in his honor had been brought up before, but never acted on. Debate on the issue was very heated at times, pitting the Council's two black members, Aldermen Norris Horton and Roshelle Williams-Gardner, against the rest.

The issue had been discussed at the previous Council meeting, with Horton saying Lanter had not been sensitive to the city's black residents.

He said some of the problems stem from disputes with neighbors over signs and road closings near Lanter Company warehouses. Other problems relate to what he said were hiring and promotion practices under Lanter.

At Wednesday's meetings,

he made the same arguments.

"I see nothing this man has done to name a street after him," Horton said.

He also said naming a street after Lanter would be comparable to Jews naming something after Hitler, which Alderman Steve Hampsey later said was insulting.

Williams-Gardner questioned what Lanter had done for the community.

"I just feel like when one is given the honor, then they have contributed to the community," she said.

Alderman Ted Ostrenga, who originally proposed renaming the street, said Lanter and his company brought "industry and taxes" to the community.

He also pointed out that while Collinsville Avenue at one time was connected to the city of Collinsville, it is now a dead end.

Several aldermen pointed out contributions Lanter had made to the city's parks and school system, and Mayor John Hamm said the number of blacks now working at the company is comparable to their percentages in the general population.

After considerable and sometimes heated discussion, the Council voted to recommend changing the street name.

Grand jury will resume shooting investigation

New panel will consider case Thursday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison County grand jury investigation into the shooting death of a 20-year-old Granite City man last Sunday has been continued until Thursday.

Frederick Hacke was allegedly shot and killed by a 16-year-old Madison youth after Hacke and others reportedly attempted to force their way into the youth's home during a party early Sunday morning.

"They ran out of time; they had some other things they had to do," said Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine Thursday afternoon. He said there will be a new grand jury sworn in Monday, and it will consider the case this coming Thursday.

Police said the dispute apparently stemmed from an earlier incident that evening at the party in the 1800 block of Rhodes, in which Hacke was "disrespected" by someone.

Hacke — a member of a "gang" known as the Lynch Mob — apparently left, but came back later with more people.

Several of them allegedly assaulted the 16-year-old and another person, and after being locked out, gang members allegedly broke down the door and broke several windows in an attempt to enter the house.

The 16-year-old obtained his father's handgun and started firing.

An off-duty Venice police officer working security at a nearby QuikTrip notified Madison police about a large fight at the party after several people came to the store.

That officer and another plainclothes security officer drove over to the house. The Venice officer said he saw someone fire several shots in his direction when he got out of his car.

The officer identified himself, then returned fire after another shot was fired.

While police were sorting out the incident, the next-door neighbor told officers there was a body in her front yard.

Store holding second sale

Judge blocked first going-out-of-business sale

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

It seems to be back to business as usual at Granite City Home Furnishings. At least, until everything is sold, store manager Mark Korte said.

The furniture store is having its second going-out-of-business sale in as many weeks. Korte said he plans to sell everything "to the bare walls."

Just like Mercantile (Bank) tried to repossess everything to the bare walls, we're going to sell everything to the bare walls," he said Wednesday. Although the bank carted off what was in the store, Korte said the store had other merchandise at its disposal.

"You can't repossess what's not yours," he said. "We still have quite a bit of inventory. We had stuff in our warehouse, and we had shipments still coming in."

The furniture store, which opened in 1995, was set to hold a going-out-of-business sale April 19. But Mercantile Bank stepped in with a judge's order

to seize the merchandise to protect the bank's interest on a loan.

Court records in the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office show that Mercantile Bank filed suit to recover nearly \$70,000 on a loan given to Korte's parents, Frederick and Maxine Korte of Alton, in June 1996. The elder Korte's home in Alton was used as collateral on the loan, records show.

Mark Korte disputes the bank's right to repossess anything. "We'll let a judge decide that," he said. "We know they were in the wrong. We can prove they were in the wrong."

"We were fortunate that our suppliers were still willing to ship us stuff," he said. "So we can still take care of the special orders we already had," he said.

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Why do we have such violent children today?

The answer is easy — we've simply abandoned God

By Mike Grubb

Here we go again. Another round of violent acts committed by children and with it the usual assortment of talking heads asking the world "Why is this happening?"

The same arguments are getting pulled out of the ashes: Guns are too accessible, television breeds violence and parents have no control.

These are all good arguments with some basis in fact, but the simple truth is we are not looking deep enough for answers.

Gun control, for instance, is a feeble notion. Guns can no more be controlled than the weather. They will always be here and they will always be accessible to anyone who wants them.

You can do a background check on someone all the way back to the womb, but if they want a gun bad enough, they will find someone with one to sell.

I strongly believe television and movie violence — along with graphic video games — do produce violent thoughts in the minds of impressionable young people and probably do contribute to violent acts.

When they see the blood and gore over and over on film and contribute to it via the video controller, they can't separate it from reality any more. Enough people are beginning to believe that now that they have filed lawsuits against the film industry.

While it is encouraging to see people mounting a fight, they are directing it at the wrong enemy.

There is only one reason these people are manufacturing violence on film — because we all line up to see it. We can't get out wallets out fast enough to see Sly Stallone blow someone's head off or watch cars and buildings go up in flames.

The film industry is not stupid. They know what we want and they provide it. If no one showed up to see the violence, they would all race to the studios to make Disney movies.

So don't blame the film industry. If you can hold them responsible for people committing violent acts, then you have to hold doughnut manufacturers responsible for making us fat.

What we have to look at is the underlying reason why our kids want to see these kinds of things. What are they missing in their lives that makes them want to see death and destruction?

What they are missing is respect for human life, respect for the feelings of other people and belief in something greater than themselves.

They are missing God.

It is no coincidence violence, especially by children, started making headlines in the 60's when God was removed from public schools. Until that time, the principles of the Bible were reinforced on a daily basis by teachers and administrators.

The principles were simple. Respect human life is a priority. Treat people fairly. Be generous and kind. Don't lie, cheat or steal.

Even if you don't believe the big picture of the Bible, these principles kept us a civilized society for many years.

After the Columbine High School shootings, many people went straight for their churches for comfort. They didn't all run to find an ACLU lawyer.

I am angered by the fact this Trench Coat Mafia group was allowed to march single file down the school hallways, dressed in trenchcoats, berets and army boots. They were allowed to preach the gospel of Adolf Hitler and shout German slogans.

If these same kids had marched down the halls carrying Bibles, they would have been shut down instantly.

Where are our priorities?

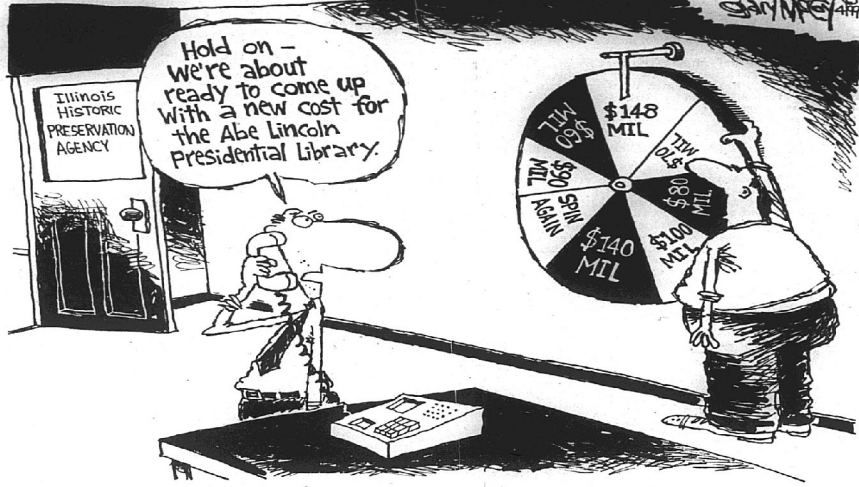
We have become so scared of interfering in someone's alternative lifestyle that anything goes now except outward expressions of faith in God.

When kids were brought up with the understanding they had to answer to someone greater than themselves, that fear kept them in check. Now they only look up to inanimate things like money, power, guns, drugs and alcohol.

Society has taught them to care only about themselves, live for the moment and grab what they can. They have no hope for anything past tomorrow.

Parents can only do so much. Most are trying to do the right thing, but they are trying to do it alone.

They need to get themselves and their families back in church and share in the hope that faith brings to our lives.



Learning a political lesson the hard way

State comptroller Hynes still haunted by vanquished opponent

Dan Hynes was elected Illinois comptroller last year, but his vanquished opponent is still giving him trouble.

Hynes, 31, defeated state Sen. Chris Ladd (R-Aurora) last fall in a bitter battle that focused primarily on Hynes' youth and inexperience in financial matters. Ladd was a certified public accountant and had already been elected to an office.

He tried to portray Hynes as the lawyer scion of a politically powerful Chicago family who had never run for anything before.

Hynes turned out to be a solid campaigner, though. He deflected Ladd's criticism about his youth by comparing himself to Air Force fighter pilots protecting the United States. If young people could do that, he said they could certainly be a comptroller. He reminded people he had no accounting experience.

And, most importantly, he raised a pile of money that he spent on some clever television ads. He won handily.

But now Ladd is having a bit of revenge.

Ladd is a details kind of guy. He's one those people who loves numbers and actually wanted to be comptroller, rather than just use it as a rung in the political ladder.

If elected, he had planned to conduct a complete review of state spending with an eye towards rooting out waste and inefficiencies.

He had gained a reputation in Springfield as someone who tends to speak his entire mind, and he has regularly alienated members of his own party, including former Gov. Jim Edgar.



Rich Miller

He is also widely thought of as someone who believes he has the only true answers to problems. He is what's known in politics as a "shitter" — a verbal-bomb-throwing, uncompromising outsider.

He defeated the Republican establishment's choice for comptroller in last year's GOP primary and, not surprisingly, he received little help from this party's bigwigs last fall.

Back in early March, Ladd started questioning Hynes' request for several million dollars to pay off a lease of a sophisticated computer system. The system was leased by his immediate predecessor, Leta Dirlikov, after she failed to convince the General Assembly to put up the cash to buy it outright.

At first, Hynes said the state could save \$1.2 million if the state paid off the lease all at once. But after Ladd started asking pointed questions, Hynes dropped his cost-savings estimate to "approximately \$400,000."

Ladd still wasn't convinced, though, and he asked Senate President Pat Rife to put a hold on Hynes' emergency budget request to pay off the lease right away.

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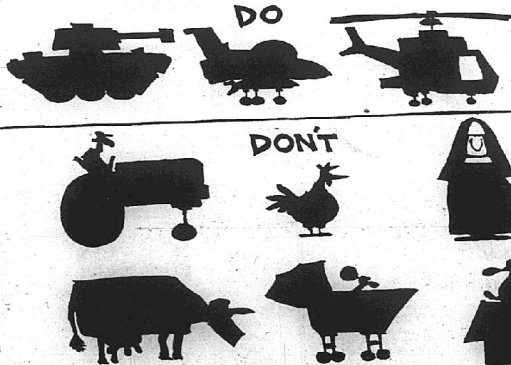
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Bridge may be closed

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trucks that have been blamed for much of the problems with the McKinley Bridge's surface. If completely closed, he said the repairs could be completed in about one year, rather than two or three years. In addition to the time saved, Echols said it would also save money both through the renovation and by eliminating the need for maintenance on the bridge, which runs up to \$40,000 monthly.

The bridge has taken a number of hits in the past year. About a year ago, Echols said the bridge would have to be closed within five years if major repairs were not done in the western approaches.

In October, the city defaulted on \$4.3 million in bridge bonds. An agreement that tripled the interest rate the city was paying was approved, but the loss of \$250,000 per year easement contract with the Terminal Railroad Association has cut the amount of money available to repay the debt.

In addition, the number of vehicles crossing the bridge has fallen about 20 percent over last year and a major road construction project on Illinois 3 north of the bridge is expected to cut into traffic even further.

Echols had hoped to borrow up to \$15 million to repay the old debt and make additional repairs on the bridge, but said that that will not happen.

Doughty pleads innocent

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ing tickets," he said. "What concerns me is that erroneous information was taken by vindictive people using the criminal justice system for their personal advantage."

Doughty, of University City, Mo., had been under fire from School Board members, residents and teachers for some time. Incidents came to a head in late February and early March, when students were locked out of the high school after the principal was suspended.

Doughty pleaded innocent to five counts of unlawful refusal to pay wages. He did not return telephone calls.

The charges stem from Doughty's handling of paycheck dated March 12.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Ritchie

DOROTHY RUTH (SELF) RITCHIE, 82, of Collinsville died at 2:40 a.m. Friday, April 30, 1999, at Rosewood Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Ritchie was born July 23, 1916, in Granite City. She was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Granite City, Senior Citizens of Sullivan, and Sunday School Teacher in the church and was active in the Girls Scouts.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Ritchie, whom she married Sept. 22, 1934; two daughters, Carol Johnson and Beverly Knieck, both of Collinsville; one son, John "Jack" Ritchie of Collinsville; and two granddaughters, Deborah May of Granite City, and Susan Zingrich of St. Clair, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Laura (Puhse) Self.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, May 2, at Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville where services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 3, with the Rev. Dr. David Stabentfeld officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estate, Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County or the Kidney Foundation.

B. Mildred Moss

B. MILDRED NICHOLES MOSS, 83, of Granite City died at 9:10 a.m. Friday, April 30, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Moss was born Sept. 29, 1915, in Baden, Mo. She was a retired executive secretary for the Defense Mapping Agency and was a member of the Central Christian Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her son, David Moss of Chesterfield, Mo.; one sister, Mary Lurion of Granite City; and two grandchildren, Grant Moss of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Ellen Moss of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her sons, James and Ruby (Turner) Nichols; and one brother, James T. Nichols.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, May 2, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 3, at the funeral home with the Rev. Holen Stumpe officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the church have been suggested.

James Harris

JAMES H. HARRIS, 83, of Granite City, died at 2:20 p.m. Monday, April 26, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Harris was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Caledonia, Mo. He had been a welder for Granite City Steel and was a member of First Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Chandler) Harris, whom he married May 6, 1939; one son, James Harris of Granite City; one daughter, Mary Fischer of Hoffman Estates; three brothers, Claude Harris and Jesse Harris, both of Granite City, and Herman Harris of Glen Carbon; one sister, Mrs. Iva of B. grade, Mo.; four stepchildren, Jerry Sanders of Gibson City, Virginia Upphouse of Antigua, West Indies, Rita Cheryl of Marshall, Minn., and Cheryl Fitzgerald of Herndon, seven grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Stella (Akers) Harris; one daughter, Carol Kauth; and one brother, Edgar Harris.

Services were held Thursday, April 29, at First Assembly of God, Granite City, with the Rev. Darin Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Fred Hacke III

FRED L. HACKE III, 20, of Granite City, died at 2:20 a.m. Sunday, April 25, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Hacke was born Sept. 14, 1978, in Mayville. He was employed by Lewis and Clark Marine as a deckhand.

Survivors include his father, Frederick Hacke Jr. of Granite City; his mother, Donna (Acker) Whitte of Edwardsville; two sisters, Lisa Hinton of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Victoria Gailand of Kissimmee, Fla.; one brother, Darren Hlava of Glen Carbon; his stepfather, James Whitte of Edwardsville; one stepbrother, Monte Whitte of Granite City; one stepdaughter, Becky Woehle of Valley Park, Mo.; his maternal grandmother, Mildred (Acker) Hoover of Granite City; and his paternal step-grandmother, Fern Hacke of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Charles Acker; his maternal step-grandfather, Roger Hoover; and his paternal grandparents, Fred and Maxene Hacke.

Family services were held Tuesday, April 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Violence Authority, 6-6000 10th and Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., 60601.

Juanita Barnes

JUANITA H. BARNES, 70, of Granite City died at 12:30 a.m. April 29, 1999, at Christian Hospital North in St. Louis.

Mrs. Barnes was born March 26, 1929, in Glen Carbon and was a lifetime resident. She had retired in December 1998 from Laidlaw where she had worked for nine years as a bus attendant.

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Bethel Community Church.

Survivors include her sons, Wayne Barnes of Glen Carbon, and Bryan Barnes of Mayville; two daughters, Mary Goria of Sullivan, Mo., and Janice Lianemman of Granite City; one brother, Kenneth Griffith of Indiana; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doyle Barnes on Sept. 9, 1995; and her parents, James and Elizabeth (Dopson) Barnes.

Services were Saturday, May 1, at Warner Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Robert Widdin and the Rev. Ivan Thuringer officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Ernest Vizer

ERNEST M. VIZER, 67, died Monday, April 12, 1999.

Mr. Vizer was a retired Navy veteran.

Survivors include his children, Geoffrey, Gregory, Nancy and David; one daughter, Mary Goria of Sullivan, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ella and Joseph Vizer; and one brother, Joseph Vizer.

Graveside services were held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Mavis Brown

MAVIS J. (CAUDILL) BROWN, 84, of Venice died at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 1999, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Brown was born April 30, 1914, in Whitesburg, Ky.

She was a homemaker and a member of the New Life Assembly of God in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Brown, whom she married Jan. 27, 1956; five sons, Raymond Grieves and Dennis Brown, both of Collinsville; Lane Brown of Venice, Daniel Brown of California, and Richard Caudill of Venice; five daughters, Belinda Gato of Caseyville, Mary Grafton of Venice, Leona Robertson of Collinsville, Arleen McCauley of Venice, and Deborah Whiteale of Overland, Mo.; three brothers, John Caudill of Ohio, Raleigh Caudill of Whitesburg, Ky., and Curtis Caudill of Madison; one sister, Irene Gatchell of Minnesota; 28 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Mary (Hayden) Caudill; one son, Kenneth Brown; three granddaughters; and eight brothers and sisters.

Services were Saturday, May 1, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. James R. Hooker officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

God in Granite City

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Lena Wood

LENA E. (JOHNSON) WOOD, 88, of Granite City died at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 1999, at the Colonades Nursing Home.

Mrs. Wood was born Dec. 4, 1910, in Edenville, Mo. She was a homemaker and attended the First Assembly of God Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, William Wood of Rockport, Texas, and Everett Wood of Granite City; two daughters, Georgann Wood of Rockport and Janet Davis of Granite City; four brothers, Harley Johnson of Dixon, Mo., Floyd Johnson of St. Elizabeth, Mo., Amos Johnson of Granite City and Fred Johnson of McDonald, Tenn.; two sisters, Mary Henson of Dixon and Bertha Keithley of Decatur; 14 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Wood in 1973; her parents, Ira and Julia (Barnhart) Johnson; and two sons, Charles Wood in 1962 and James Wood in 1936.

Services were Saturday, May 1, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Darin Hughes officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Mary Konarek

MARY (KONARCIK) KONAREK, 88, of Granite City, died at 11:53 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Konarek was born July 23, 1910, in DuQuoin. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She had formerly worked at Imperial Laundry and Martha Manning Dress Factory and at NESCO during World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Willard of Granite City and Rosalie Boyd of Dover, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Konarek, whom she married May 5, 1928; her parents, Matyas and Veronica Gancarcik; one sister, Anna Parlow; and one brother, Joseph Gancarcik.

Services were held Thursday, April 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials in the form of Masses have been suggested.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Vergie Spalding

VERGIE (HENSLEY) SPALDING, 85, of Granite City, died Thursday, April 22, 1999, at St. John Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

Mrs. Spalding was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Ibra, Mo. She had been a registered nurse at St. Louis Hospital in St. Louis and was a charter member of Nameoki United Methodist Church, where she served many years as a chairman in the Lydia Circle, was a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the official board and pastor parish committee. More recently, she has been a member of Granite City Four Square Church and she volunteered for the New Clothing Center. Church Women United, The Salvation Army and the Senior Center and was also a past president of Clover View Garden Club and a member of the Etude Music Club.

Survivors include her son, Donald Spalding Jr. of Creve Coeur, Mo.; one daughter, Alice Marie Jefferson of St. Louis; three grandsons, Stephen Spalding of Dallas, Brian Spalding of Richmond, Va., and Gary Henson of Manhattan, Kan.; one granddaughter, Katherine McLeod of St. Louis; and three great-grandchildren, Garrett Henson of Manhattan, Kan., and Michael and James McLeod of St. Louis.

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Services were Tuesday, April 27, at the Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Prayers and family services were held at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Granite City Four Square Church, 2901 Grand Ave., Granite City.

Elizabeth Schalkham

ELIZABETH F. SCHALKHAM, 78, of West Moline, Ill., died Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at Holmes Regional Nursing Center in Moline.

Mrs. Schalkham was born Feb. 14, 1921, in Virco, Mo. She was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Eastern Star in Granite City, then later in Moline, Ill., and of the Eastern Star Chapter 166, OES.

Survivors include her son, Arnold Schalkham of Virco, Mo.; two daughters, Suzanne Kurz of Park Bay, Fla. and Roni Whaley of Bethesda, Md.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Ten women are honored

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gram, whose purpose is to honor the commitment and dedication of women to the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Ten women are selected to receive the award each year. The annual Women of Achievement luncheon to honor this year's awardees will be Monday at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton.

The 1999 Women of Achievement and the categories in which each is recognized are:

Dorothy Barnard, human welfare; Janet Becker, social responsibility; June McAllister Fowler, youth; Judy Gall, community responsibility; Marsha Greenstreet, community betterment; Jackie Joyner-Kersey, community inspiration; Virginia Klein, humanitarianism; Mary Ann Krey, civic responsibility; Lorri Latimer, health concerns; and Peggy Ritter, cultural enrichment.

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"I have you in my heart," Philippians 1:7. You're part of the remarkable people who already have the capacity to put action to their love.

The ability to love is one human function unimpaired by time, distance or circumstance. Your memory may lapse, your eyesight can dim and hearing fade, but deep in your heart love remains constant and unchanged. That is God's eternal gift to us.

Amid the flurry of busyness, the overwhelming chores to be done and the countless appointments to make, let's take a moment to dwell on, to acknowledge and reaffirm, our most precious priorities — the really important things of life.

• First and above all, have communion with God. Sometimes we get like a disconnected lamp. God is our source to plug in to and to

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Catherine Galasso

shine forth His love in all actions, words and deeds.

• Hug your spouse and children, tell them how much they mean to you. Feel the energy of love flow from one to the other as you embrace.

• "God has blessed me with beautiful family," said teacher Maria DiVirgilio.

• "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people," said concert pianist Victor Borge. Bright ribbons of laughter and warm smiles make rainbows in our lives.

While the memories of these happy times linger on, good humor is such a sweet treat for all.

• Do something for yourself that you always wanted to do. Study a language, paint a picture or plant a garden.

• "It's good to keep active and busy," said reader Achille Riello. "It makes you a happier person."

• Use ending words and genuine compliments. Phrases like, "I'm proud of you," "Thank you for helping me out, honey," and "You look

nice today" can make the sun shine all day long in your heart.

• Your love and affection show by your tone of voice and facial expressions. Be courteous; love is not rude. Politeness goes far yet costs nothing.

• "The more you give, the more you get back," said reader Peter Garceau. Encourage others and do it now. Make a list of 10 things that you admire about someone and give him or her the list.

• Give to the needy. Have your child donate some of his toys and clothes to a shelter, grocery shop for a shut-in or visit an elderly relative. Help someone in need and make their day special.

• Mother Teresa once said that she didn't do great things, but little things with great love. So, these little things mean a lot. When your love exceeds your labor in doing a project, success is inevitable.

• Provide an atmosphere of love and the awareness of God's presence in your home, a haven of rest generating security and building strong family ties. Begin to create a happy home, beautiful marriage, genuine friendships and a rewarding life.

• Remind yourself continually of the blessings God sends to us through others, and show your appreciation by seeking another's welfare and sharing what you have while expecting nothing in return.

• With unbounded joy and enthusiastic effort, pour your heart into all that you do, always putting God first. Set aside a few minutes at the end of each day to praise Him and to be recharged for the wonderful things you plan to do in the morrow.

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age 55 and older are currently working in communities across America," department Director Margo E. Schreiber said in a news release. "The theme for this year's celebration is 'Hire older workers — there's no substitute for experience.'"

Call for Help assists both employees and other residents, agency secretary Marie Pyle said. Of the agency's 60 employees, 11 percent are 55 or older and 23 percent will turn 55 in three years. Staff receive sick time, vacations and a \$10,000 life insurance policy. The agency reserves 3 percent of the employees' salaries in a retirement plan.

Over 70 percent of adults

Call for Help honored for efforts for older workers

By Jason White
Staff writer

Community service agency Call for Help of East St. Louis is one of three organizations in Illinois to receive an award honoring older workers.

The Illinois Department on Aging presented the agency with an Employer of the Year award at a luncheon in Springfield. The luncheon is an annual event that celebrates National Employ the Older Worker Week March 14-20.

Eight employees also received Employee of the Year awards.

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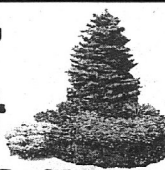
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Individuals who enjoy camping are urged to serve as volunteer campground hosts this summer.

Currently 34 state parks throughout Illinois are in need of hosts. Department of Natural Resources Director Bret Manning said.

Retired individuals, couples or graduate students who would like to 'camp out' at a state park this summer are encouraged to volunteer as campground hosts.

Manning said. "Volunteers will aid campers when needed and provide other useful services, plus they'll be able to camp at their site at no charge throughout the summer."

Campground hosts assist campers, answer questions, collect camping fees and enforce compliance with park regulations. They also may be asked to greet visitors, distribute park literature, report emergencies to the site's permanent staff and perform minor maintenance tasks such as picking up litter.

A campground host is not required to enforce park rules or perform major maintenance repairs.

Applicants for campground host positions must be at least 21 years old, have a valid driver's license and agree to work 35 hours per week, usually during a five-day period, for a minimum of four weeks.

Weekend and holiday duty is put in to bringing out the skills and talents in the people and things you love the most — and watch them succeed.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Weekend and holiday duty is

mandatory. Compensation is \$1 per day for the days they work. In addition to the small monetary payment, volunteers will receive on-site training, limited medical and personal insurance coverage and free camping privileges at their campground during their period of service.

More than 40 sites offer the campground host program statewide, with applications accepted year-round and positions filled as they open. Most placements are made by June.

The Department of Natural Resources also needs volunteers who are available to encourage greater appreciation and enjoyment of state park's natural, historical and cultural resources. Called host interpreters, these volunteers help park staff in providing campers and other park visitors with interesting recreational activities, such as leading nature hikes and using available natural materials in craft demonstrations. They are expected to have public speaking ability and a knowledge of outdoor and recreation skills or natural sciences.

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U.S. releases

MetroLink funds

The U.S. Department of Transportation has released \$35 million to continue construction on the MetroLink light rail system from East St. Louis to Belleville Area College, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Belleville) announced.

"This funding will keep MetroLink construction on track, helping to relieve traffic congestion in the entire region," said Costello, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Dietzel murderer threatens former attorney

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A convicted killer upset with the stiff sentence he received in a 1992 murder threatened to kill his old defense attorney on the way to a court hearing Wednesday.

Edward L. Miller was in Madison County Circuit Court seeking a reduction in the 50-year sentence he received in 1986 for the July 1992 killing of JoAnn Dietzel in her Bethany

Lane home.

Miller, 43, didn't get the relief he was seeking, but he did get in a few nasty words at former defense attorney Thomas Hildebrand of Alton, who was there as a prosecution witness to testify regarding the sentencing arrangement.

"I'm going to kill you," Miller allegedly told Hildebrand in the corridor within earshot of two witnesses, an assistant state's

attorney and a Granite City police officer.

Hildebrand responded:

"Excuse me? I don't appreciate being threatened." Later, he said that he's been threatened before and had no plans to do anything about Miller's warning.

"He can get in line behind the IRS and my two ex-wives, I don't give a (care)," he said. Miller, formerly of Cahokia and now a resident at Menard Correctional Center in Chester,

claims he was promised a 20-year sentence in exchange for his testimony against a co-defendant in the murder.

Terry Ridenour of Godfrey, who was acquitted by a jury, Hildebrand was called to the witness stand by First Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen. He said the deal offered was a sentence range of 20 to 50 years, with no promise of a specific amount. The sentence was handed down by Circuit Judge J.

Lawrence Keshner, who also denied Miller's petition for relief on Wednesday.

Ridenour was found acquitted by a jury after a week-long trial in September 1994. Observers said jurors simply didn't believe Miller's testimony.

Miller claimed Ridenour, his cousin, murdered Dietzel and ransacked her home to make it look like a burglary. She was severely beaten, strangled and stabbed with a broken souvenir baseball bat in the abdomen. But Ridenour claimed he didn't even know Dietzel until Miller introduced them on the night of her death. Ridenour said he left the two together after they purchased alcohol at a gas station-convenience store.

Police found no evidence linking Ridenour to the crime, although a prosecutor offered the theory, never proven, that Dietzel wanted to hire Ridenour to kill her estranged husband, Terry Dietzel. Miller implicated Ridenour after Miller was arrested on burglary charges in September 1992 in Wisconsin. He offered to supply information about the murder in exchange for immunity, which was denied. After investigators from the Madison County Sheriff's Department matched Miller's palm print to the broken bat found protruding from Dietzel's abdomen, he agreed to testify in exchange for a sentence capped at 50 years.

Romanik gets 2-year sentence

By Jason White
Staff writer

A federal judge has sentenced former Washington Park police chief Robert Romanik to two years in prison for bank fraud. Prosecutors said Romanik tried to defraud Magna and West Pointe banks by asking loans without disclosing that he wanted the money to build the Crystal Palace strip club in Centerville and the Jewel Box strip club in Washington Park. Romanik first approached Magna Bank officer Jeffrey Thomas, who rejected a \$1 million loan request, prosecutors said.

Thomas, who later worked for West Pointe Bank, used his position at both banks to finance the clubs' construction through a series of loans to Joseph Netemeyer, co-owner of Aviston Lumber, and Russ Albert, senior vice president of Union Bank in Belleville, prosecutors said.

Thomas, 38, of Smithton, pleaded guilty in January to bank fraud and will be sentenced next month. Prosecutors indicted Albert, 43, of Smithton, and Netemeyer, 46, of Aviston, in March on conspiracy and fraud charges.

The loans' purposes were not disclosed to the banks, which would not have loaned the money had they known it would be used to build strip clubs, prosecutors said. U.S. District Judge David R. Herndon sentenced Romanik, 49, of Belleville, to two years imprisonment, three years supervised release and a \$40,000 fine. Herndon ordered Romanik to pay \$1.1 million in restitution to Magna Bank, now Union Planters Bank, and \$450,000 to West Pointe Bank. Romanik was on probation for lying to a grand jury investigating convicted racketeer Thomas Venezia and Belleville lawyer Amiel Cueto, later convicted of obstruction of justice, who prosecutors indicted Romanik for bank fraud.

Venezia and Cueto are both serving prison sentences. Venezia made millions on an illegal video gambling operation. The FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Miriam F. Miquelon prosecuted.

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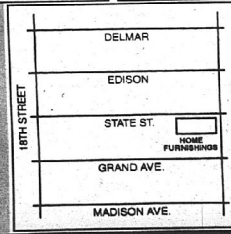
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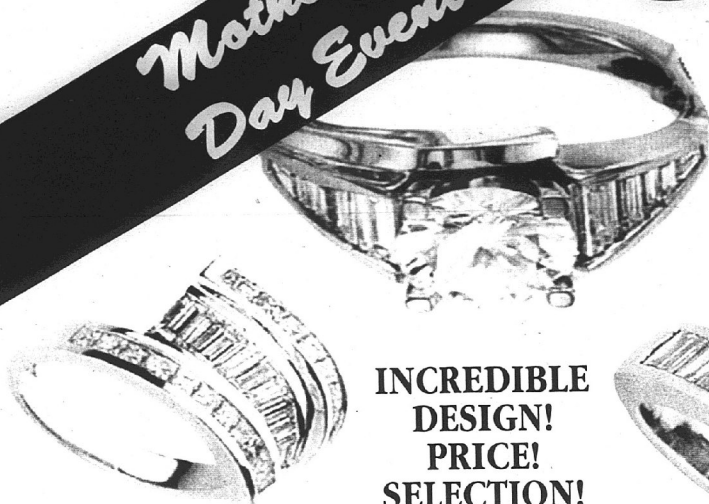
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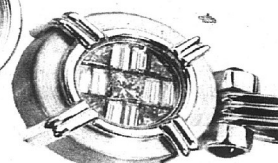
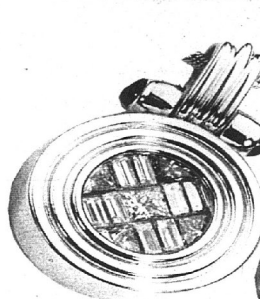
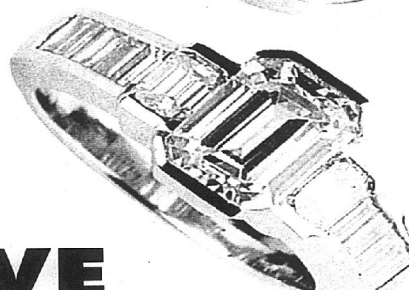
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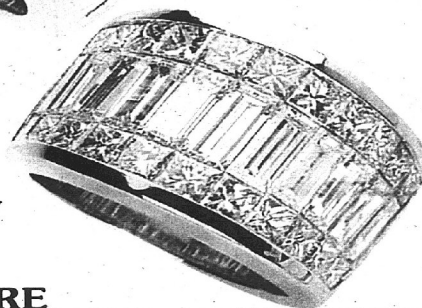
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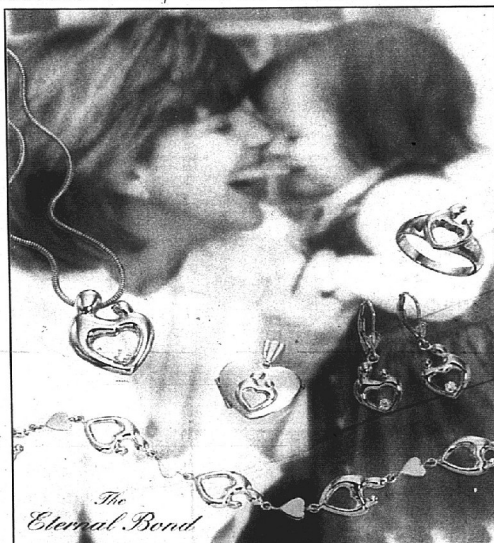
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EPA studying water for pollutants

Long Lake samples to be analyzed for Chemetco pollutants

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is analyzing samples taken from Long Lake to determine the effects, if any, from pollutants allegedly discharged by Chemetco Inc., state officials said last week.

The company operates a secondary copper smelter just south of Hartford, W. Charles Grace, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced previously the indictments of Chemetco president Denis Feron of Belgium; George J. Boud Jr. of East Alton; Gary L. Reed of Collinsville; Roger K. Copeland of Cottage Hills; Kevin A. Youngman of Highland; and Bruce W. Hendrickson of Granite City.

The indictments charge the defendants conspired from 1986 to 1996 to violate the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants — including lead, cadmium and zinc — through a secret pipe into Long Lake and adjacent wetlands. Ira Sidney Campbell of Brighton, who

previously was charged, has pleaded guilty to the same offense and is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 20.

"The concern of the IEPA was the zinc oxide from their plant into the water," said Dennis McMurray, a spokesman for the IEPA. "It has a fairly high content of lead, a hazardous waste."

"We believe the body of water was not used for drinking water," he said. "The body of water is more like a creek than a lake, which sometimes dries up. (Chemetco) has removed about 1,500 cubic yards of contaminated sediment of soil and vegetation adjacent to the lake. The company has also put a berm around the contaminated sediment."

McMurray said samples taken from the contaminated area are being reviewed. "We believe there were no fish or bird studies done for the area," he said. "Our sampling of the water was near homes about 1 1/2 miles away. Hopefully, the analysis will give us a little more on how far the (pollutants) spread. Our

toxicologists are just reviewing the test results. I don't know how long it will take; hopefully, not too long."

Adele Moore, director of the Treehouse Wildlife Center in Brighton, is experienced in treating animals affected by lead contamination.

"Lead definitely can cause harm to the animals. We receive animals with lead poisoning quite often. It can lead to death if animals ingest enough of it. Lead affects animals' nervous systems."

Moore said fish also can be affected by lead then pass the poisoning to birds of prey in varying amounts.

McMurray said the IEPA and Chemetco disagree over the clean-up process of the contamination. "We asked the company to submit a clean-up plan last year," he said. "They did so, but it was not acceptable to us. We added other requirements, but the company chose to appeal the requirements to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. We felt their proposed assessment of the environmental impact and timetable were unacceptable."



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John Swistak Jr. photo

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Student to present project results

Brian J. McMillan of Granite City, one of the 23 students who were awarded a Hughes Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the 1998-1999 academic year, will present results of his research project, "Cytotoxicity and Mutagenicity of water disinfection by-products" at a poster session at Quality Hotel—University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Faculty, staff, and students, and members of McMillan's family will attend the poster session.

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House leader meets with farmers, promises to help

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, and House Agricultural Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, met with area farmers recently to discuss the plight of the agriculture industry.

Combest told those at the forum, which was held in the Illini Room of the Morris University Center at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, that he has two goals as chairman. The first is to have farmers recognized as an important part of the society.

"They are the ones who start the process by which America has the greatest and cheapest food of anywhere in the world. The other goal is to make sure that agriculture survives in the state that we know it today," Combest said.

The agricultural industry has seen some of its hardest times recently, with prices plummeting and crops sitting unused. Prices for hogs have fallen to as little as 5 cents a pound from 35 cents a year ago.

Combest offered assurances to those present that he understood their concerns, but he

said only an understanding of agriculture policy could solve the problems.

"I think what is good for everybody, including Congress, is less intrusive government. Many of the things that we have to face involving agriculture don't even come through our committee."

Combest said he knew farmers would rather let a fair marketplace prevail than fight everywhere believe is that they want to get their income from the marketplace. They want the ability to produce and get a fair market return on their product. I agree with that concept.

Although many have said the current farm assistance program will be the last one Congress will authorize, Combest told farmers he has other intentions. He outlined a new risk management program he hopes to implement.

"I don't believe we can abandon an agricultural policy. What I am continually trying to do is to look at what kind of a program can government be involved in that provides the risk management that a farmer needs when those things that you are dependent upon to create a good market go south on you."

Milestones

Mike Vrabec celebrates a birthday today, May 2.

Lester White celebrates a birthday today, May 2.

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Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

School Menus

Week of May 3-7 Granite City Public Schools

MONDAY, May 3 —
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, whole kernel corn, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY, May 4 —
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, pineapple chunks, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, with pickles, potato rounds, sliced peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 5 —
Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, blueberries, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced bread, pear half, oatmeal cookie, milk.

THURSDAY, May 6 —
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, raisins, milk; Lunch: Von Mazetta, tossed salad with light dressing, garlic cheese bread, cherries, milk.

FRIDAY, May 7 —
Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, sliced apples, milk; Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, sliced carrots, slice of bread, mixed fruit, milk.

Madison Public Schools

MONDAY, May 3 —
Breakfast: Cereal and toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken drumsticks, baked beans, peaches, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY, May 4 —
Breakfast: Sausage and french fries, milk; Lunch: Breaded pork patty on bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 5 —
Breakfast: Doughnut, milk; Lunch: Chili dog on bun, french fries, apricots, animal crackers, milk.

THURSDAY, May 6 —
Breakfast: Cereal and toast, milk; Lunch: Beef stroganoff, French bread, tossed salad, salad dressing, pineapple chunks, milk.

FRIDAY, May 7 —

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, milk; Lunch: Salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, corn, applesauce, bread, milk.

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MONDAY, May 3 — Lunch:
Sloppy Joes on bun, potato sticks, pork and beans, pears, milk.

TUESDAY, May 4 — Lunch:
Chicken and dumplings, peas, bread slice, fruit/pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 5 — Lunch:
Pork cutlet, baby potatoes, carrots, bread slice, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY, May 6 — Lunch:
Staff Appreciation Day: Sack lunch (drinks and snacks sold).

FRIDAY, May 7 — Lunch:

Cheese pizza, corn, oranges, milk.

Holy Family School

MONDAY, May 3 — Lunch:
Hamburger on bun, oven potatoes, corn, sliced cheese/pickles, apricots, milk.

TUESDAY, May 4 — Lunch:
Ham rolls, noodles, carrots, bread, pineapples, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 5 — Lunch:
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Brides-to-be plan for big day

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More than 1,000 brides-to-be, family and friends turned out for the Suburban Journals Creative Elegance Bridal Show last week at the St. Louis Airport Marriott in North County.

People came from throughout the area and from as far away as central Illinois.

The bridal show featured nearly 30 booths, which provided information from a variety of wedding-related businesses. Future brides visited vendors' exhibits that included displays by caterers, photographers, bakers, disc jockeys, travel agents and fashion and decorating experts.

Throughout the afternoon, visitors could enter drawings for prizes from the vendors. Many prizes were awarded, including gift certificates from Gatherings Banquet Center, Garavelli's, Priscilla's, Banquet Center of the Little Hills, Elegant Weddings, Just Cruises and Complete Music.

The grand prize was a four-day, five-night Caribbean honeymoon from American Prestige.

Men who came to the show could retire to the "groom room" while their fiancées visited the exhibits. They could watch a St. Louis Cardinals game on TV and visit with former Cardinals pitcher Greg Matthews, who stopped by to talk with fans.

Candice's restaurant, which caters weddings, provided free food for visitors.

Two fashion shows featured the latest styles from LaMerite in North County for the bride, bridegroom and bridesmaids. Models were provided by Barbizon School.



Betsy Tepen models a sophisticated bridesmaid look from Bill Levkoff.

Workshops on how to select wedding rings and plan a honeymoon were offered, and a bridal consultant presented a seminar on planning the wedding. A representative of Mary Kay Cosmetics demonstrated makeup application and hair-styling techniques.

In addition, brides-to-be received a free bridal planner from the Suburban Journals. Trotter Photo and M.J. Daniel Photography took free engagement photos of couples to submit to newspapers. Jennifer Sims and Erika Francis with Gateway Promotion Group coordinated the event.



Christian Gooden photos
Vanessa Vargo models a white gown by Forever Yours. Her matching veil also is available at LaMerite



Teresa Morris (right) of Florissant looks elegant in an Alfred Angelo bridal gown and Angela Bobb's of South St. Louis wears a darling white gown in L'amour Satin.



Shane Fisher, right, of J.C. Penney shows bridal hairstyle samples to Laura Moll of Troy.

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Company can help you preserve memories

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Pull out the shoe boxes, and dig through the dresser drawers to find all your old family photographs. Shannon McWhorter of Creative Memories can show you how to preserve those pictures and the precious family stories they tell.

McWhorter, 32, of Edwardsville, has been a consultant for the worldwide company since her second child was born three years ago. Now the mother of three has a two-month-old at home, and she loves the freedom of working around her family schedule.

"My five-year-old helps me," McWhorter said. "She says she wants to be a consultant when she grows up."

As a consultant for Creative Memories, McWhorter gets to draw on her training as a teacher. "I teach people how to take the photos they take and put them in the albums,"

"I teach people how to take the photos they take and put them in the albums, then to journal, and then to decorate them to make them fun."

Shannon McWhorter

then to journal, and then to decorate them to make them fun," she said.

McWhorter has a master's degree in mathematics and taught math full-time before she and her husband, Mark, started a family. "I love to teach," she said.

She was drawn to Creative Memories because of her own interest in preserving her family's photos and stories. She had always taken pictures and saved them in scrap books, she said. Then her husband told her not to use those albums anymore.

"He said he had been reading about how most photo albums have chemicals that ruin your pictures," she said. "There are a lot of bad albums on the market," McWhorter said. "But our

pages are photo-safe," she said, of Creative Memories' special materials. The company is only 12 years old, but its growth has been tremendous, she said.

"We're still a growing company. We're about one-tenth to one-third the size of Avon, Mary Kay or Tupperware," she said. "I mention those because we're similar in the way we do business. But we're teaching classes, not just holding parties."

McWhorter got started in the business when she called an old friend to find out about safely displaying her photographs. She learned about Creative Memories' safe albums and took classes to learn the art of creating simple album pages, she said.

Then she discovered the potential for the work-at-home business, she said. Now her husband is helping to create a classroom in their basement where she can hold seminars and classes. She also stores her materials there.

"I teach people to make clean, complete pages, just to enhance the pictures," McWhorter said.

McWhorter cuts photographs into circles, squares, ovals and rectangles, and then uses photo-safe papers, stickers and pens to create attractive album pages.

An important feature of her albums is what McWhorter calls journaling. "It's telling the stories that go along with the pictures, so that future generations won't lose those stories," she said.

"Sometimes we call it a hobby. Sometimes we call it a habit," she said. "I'm not just making a cross-stitch for the wall, or sky diving to have something to do," she said. "I'm making memories for my children."

Anyone interested in finding out more about Creative Memories may call McWhorter at 859-0258.

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Mourners recall fallen workers

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

With a light rain falling Wednesday, families, friends and co-workers remembered those who died on the job as part of Workers' Memorial Day services.

Three men were remembered during the ceremony at Gordon Moore Park in Alton: Thomas Mike Isaacs of Litchfield, Jerry D. McGee of Belleville and Ron Osborne of Troy.

Isaacs died after an electrical explosion at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He and another worker, John C. Williams, were working on a 480-volt electrical panel in the hospital's boiler room when Isaacs was fatally injured.

A car crash killed McGee and Osborne in Williamson County, just east of Carbondale. The two were returning from a union meeting.

"We have the services because it's the right thing to do," said George Machin, president of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor.

The memorial is intended to honor those who died. Unfortunately, the tragedies are still occurring. We're looking for the day when workers can say, "I remember it used to be hazardous on the job and used to be unsafe." However, we've still got work to do.

John R. Whealon, business manager for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 309, took the time to recall Isaacs' life

and the union's commitment to safer working conditions.

"One of the most difficult things a union representative has to do is to talk about someone who has lost his life," he said. "As a union, we do every thing we can to emphasize how dangerous it can be and to emphasize safety."

"I knew him as Mike. He is survived by three young children. It's very difficult when you lose someone that young. We work diligently to try to keep improving the survivors' benefits," he said.

Jim Helfrick, a member of Painters District Council 58, out of Collinsville, described McGee as a talented, educated person who gave hours of training to union members.

Greg Smith, business manager with Painters District Council 58, gave an emotional tribute to his friend and co-worker, Osborne.

"Ron Osborne was the business manager for one year prior to his death. Ron was very found of great Americans' quotes in history. One of his favorites was from Teddy Roosevelt. ... Ron suffered many defeats and overcame to have many victories," he said.

Mayor Don Sandridge read a resolution declaring April 23 as Workers' Memorial Day in the city of Alton. Wreaths were presented to each of the families.

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308 of Alton posted colors and honored the families with a 21-gun salute.

State to centralize drivers' records

New plan is designed to keep unsafe motorists off the roads

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Illinois officials hope to generate a central repository for drivers' records that will be used to keep unsafe motorists off the road.

Highway and railroad safety are among the goals of a new panel formed by the Secretary of State's Office. The group was formed to take a long look at the Illinois Vehicle Code, with the aim of preventing accidents such as the one that killed 13 Amtrak train passengers at a crossing in Bourbonnais last month.

"It's unfortunate that it took a tragic accident like the one that occurred last month to get us to this point," said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, an appointee on the Highway Safety 2000 Advisory Panel.

Hoffman said he thinks the accident in Bourbonnais could have been prevented if Illinois had tougher laws. An investigation of the accident showed the driver of a tractor-trailer hit by the train was driving on a probationary license after he

received three speeding tickets in one year.

The panel was formed at the behest of new Secretary of State Jesse White. It comprises 25 individuals, including a Democrat and Republican from both the Illinois Senate and House chambers. Hoffman said he was appointed because he is chairman of the Illinois House Transportation Committee.

Members of the panel has experts in several fields, including national highway safety representatives, truck drivers, insurers and law enforcement officers, Hoffman said.

The group had its initial meeting April 16. Hoffman said he is not sure when the group will next meet or if it will split into subgroups to look at individual sections of the vehicle code.

The group hopes to create a central repository featuring complete drivers' records for every county in the state. Right now, information involving court supervision — generally given for minor driving offenses — isn't easily accessed

between counties.

"There is no central point to keep track of these types of cases," Hoffman said. "And local county officials don't know what a person's driving record is in other counties when it relates to supervision."

Such information is imperative if judges are to be properly advised before sentencing, Hoffman said. "We want to make sure that chronic offenders don't continue to get a break," he said.

The Secretary of State's Office would be the repository of the centralized data, but the main question would be how to automate the process so all counties would have access.

"When you talk about literally hundreds of thousands of dispositions a year, the proof is in the mechanics of it," Hoffman said.

While highway safety is a big aim, a lot of attention will be paid to railroad crossing safety — the state of the crossings, the drivers who speed through them in front of trains and the trains that block them, Hoffman said.

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Sports

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Twistin' Gymnastics team grabs a number of medals Page 2B

Good riddance to Rodman NBA player had habit of stretching team rules

Years ago when this write was employed on a part-time basis by the Associated Press in St. Louis, I recall being around the St. Louis Cardinals when pitcher Bob Gibson reminded those willing to listen that he was not a role model.

"Your dad should be your role model," Gibson used to say.

Today, though, all athletes — like it or not — are in a role which youngsters emulate.

That's why, upon learning of the demise of Dennis Rodman with the Los Angeles Lakers, I enjoyed hearing Utah coach Jerry Sloan, a

southern Illinois (McLeansboro) native, with a quick quip.

"You want to know the truth?" asked Sloan. "I was shocked when they put him on their roster."

The rest of the truth of Rodman's short-lived relationship with the NBA team is that everyone in pro basketball knew Rodman had a penchant for stretching the boundaries.

But they also knew what team would take a chance on the great rebounder.

Meanwhile, I wonder what the impact of Rodman's released will have on any high school player who thinks the former Chicago Bulls star is cool.

You see, there are thousands who delighted in Rodman's do-as-I-want attitude while he continued to play. Even though he was not the first to wear a tattoo, Rodman was decorated enough to show the influx of tattoo wearers on the prep level is, in part, related to him.

Why am I so pleased that Sloan questioned L.A.'s signing of the controversial, practice- and game-skipping Rodman? The answer is that somewhere rules have to be applied. Too often in athletics, from the time someone achieves, they receive unnecessary benefits.

Just maybe a youngster who thinks Rodman is cool will realize you cannot break rules and maintain a position on a team. There are standards that have to be met — even if money is a priority.

OK, if you think Rodman should not be the only target when it comes to role models, consider major league baseball player Darryl Strawberry. Recently arrested for possession of drugs and for other matters, Strawberry's promising career and sweet swing have been limited by off-the-field activities. He already has served one 60-day suspension in 1995 for violating his drug abuse aftercare program.

One has to wonder how much longer the New York Yankees will carry him. Sure, Strawberry has fought cancer, but he tarnishes his fight when he throws stardom to drugs.

Role models. There are some. Unfortunately, when it comes to being a man, my favorite remains Stan Musial. The only way Rodman comes close to that stature is the last three letters of his name.

Footnote

Parents of high school football players should make summer vacation plans accordingly: The Illinois High School Association set Wednesday, Aug. 11 as the first day of practice in 1999.

Art Voellinger

Sports
Views



Granite City's Brandt Ficker helped the Warriors post two wins and a tie in pool play at the St. Dominic/Francis Howell North Shootout.

Tim Stephenson photo

Warriors earn semifinal berth Granite City wins pool at Shootout with 2-0-1 mark

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

With its ranks depleted by suspension and injury, Granite City still managed to tear a seam in the St. Dominic/Francis Howell North Shootout in St. Charles County.

Mo., and stepped into the semi-finals.

The Warriors beat north St. Louis County's Incarnate Word Academy, who they had tied 1-1 earlier in the season tied, and Columbia Hickman and gained a controversial 2-2 tie with Francis Howell to advance.

"The 1-0 win over Incarnate was, of course, a biggie," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "Then we tied 2-2 with Francis Howell. In that game they scored and then we came back to tie it. Holly (Derostet) hit the post a few times in that game, too. We came back and got the second goal and outplayed them the rest of the game."

"With two minutes on the clock, they stopped it to have the referee keep the time on the field. Five minutes later

"Coming off the junior varsity, Holly really came through when we needed her. She gave us a great effort."

Gene Baker
Granite City coach
on Holly Derostet

they scored and the game was over. Five minutes, we had it as three minutes past. So we're frustrated, but they have proven themselves, because Francis Howell came back and tied Incarnate 1-1.

"We beat Columbia Hickman 2-0. The first goal was on a nice head ball from Natalie Judge from Melissa (Montgomery) on the near post. The second goal, Jolene Harris has a nice assist and Laura Canada scores.

"So we advanced."

But as of Friday afternoon, the Warriors were not sure who would be their opponent

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Collinsville pins first loss on Lancers

Obscure rule helps Kahoks in 10-6 win

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

A controversial call added more drama to Thursday's epic Southwestern Conference battle between Belleville East and Collinsville at Arthur Fletcher Field.

The Kahoks took advantage of both the call and East's shoddy defense to hand the Lancers their first defeat of the season.

Collinsville also pounded 13 hits en route to a 10-6 victory, but East coach Dennis Schutzenhofer still felt a bit

cheated.

"The same way Whitey (Herzog) felt like in '87, we got something taken away," he said. "The other team is supposed to take the momentum away, not the umpires. The umpires took our momentum away."

Belleville East fell behind 5-1 after the first inning but slowly nibbled at the Collinsville lead. Andy Schutzenhofer's homer in the top of the fourth cut the advantage to 5-2.

East recorded two tallies in the fifth on RBI singles by pitcher Dante Brinkley and Brad Bone to draw to within one run. But the productive inning proved the most frustrating for

the Lancers.

With one out and men on first and second, Schutzenhofer came to the dish. On a 3-1 pitch, Schutzenhofer headed to first after taking what he thought was ball four. But home plate umpire Scott Levan had called a strike.

Collinsville coach Steve McFall argued Schutzenhofer should be called out. After a long consultation with base umpire Willie Brown, Levan indeed called the batter out.

"It helped us tonight, there's no doubt," McFall said. "It stopped a rally, and you've got the best hitter on the other team standing at the plate, and we get out of the inning."

Kahoks first baseman Adam Embick made a spectacular grab on Mike Brown's liner to end the threat.

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McFall said the Illinois High School Association rule says that a batter must stay in the box if a catcher doesn't drop the ball or if there is no foul ball.

"That's a call that you don't see very often," McFall said. "Dennis and I have kind of saved it for each other. Two years ago, we were in the middle of a rally, and he got one of my kids on it. There was no doubt. He said that we got him back a year ago, but I don't remember that. It's kind of been one of those things we watch with each

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Granite City junior Atkins shows versatility on the track

Warriors distance runner shows ability to compete in races of various lengths

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City junior Kevin Atkins is a middle-distance/distance runner, which may sound just a tad redundant.

But the repetitiveness and consistency in his finishes are what makes Atkins stand out as one of the best runners in the Metro East.

"The mile and the half mile are his specialties, but he is also very good at the quarter mile," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "He has the second-fastest quarter mile split on the team. He can also sprint; he could run the 200-meter if I needed him to. But his value right now is in the middle distances — the 800, the 1,600. That's where we focus with him."

But Atkins, who was a standout in the fall for the Granite City cross country team, also helps the Warriors when he joins one of the various relay squads.

"Obviously if you can put your fastest guy on a relay, that is going to help. That makes your relay better," Briggs said. "But the nice thing about our team depth is that even without him on

relays we are still competitive.

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We have others who are close to him who can carry the weight. But anytime that we have Kevin on a relay, it makes our relay better."

Atkins' best event, and his best shot for a run at state, is in the 1,600 meters. His strategy for attacking the distance varies depending on the circumstances.

"In the mile, it basically depends on what I have already run that day and what kind of meet it is and how I

plan on running," Atkins said. "Sometimes I'll go out and just run for the race and just run how the rest of the pack is running and run to win. Other times I'll go out for a certain time. It depends on the competition that is there, who is there that I am with. The day and the meet kind of determines how I do it."

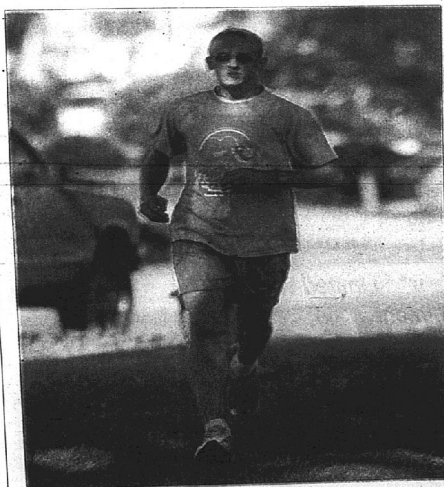
"With this season I'm pretty positive that I can get down to the mid to low 4:20's. I've already run a 4:35. But I haven't really had a chance to run and really concentrate on the mile since the Alton Redbird Relays, where I ran the 4:35. I know I could probably do a lot better if I had the competition."

In addition to his win at the Redbird Relays, Atkins has captured the 1,900-meter races at the Southwestern Illinois Relays at SIU-Edwardsville and in last week's Madison County Meet.

Atkins doesn't slack in practice or in the offseason. Constant work is the key to his success.

"First of all, to be good at anything, you have to have some talent," Briggs said.

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Granite City junior Kevin Atkins has been solid in the 1,600 meters this spring. He won the race at the Madison County Meet last week.

Midwest Twisters fare well at St. Louis' Honda Classic

Six competitors earn medals in St. Louis' largest meet

Special to the Journal

Gymnasts competing for Midwest Twisters of O'Fallon were among the top finishers at recent competitions, including the St. Louis area's largest gymnastics meet.

GYMNASTICS

The St. Louis/Honda Classic, formerly the Coca-Cola Classic, featured 923 gymnasts from 23 states in USAG levels 5-10. The meet was hosted by Team Central of Maryland Heights, Mo.

Competing for Twisters at Level 5 were Vanessa Zamarripa, 8, of Scott Air Force Base and Brittany Gilmore, 9, of O'Fallon. Zamarripa won silver medals on bars, vault and all-around. Gilmore won the vault while placing 10th all-around.

At Level 6, Nicole Kellogg, 9, of Belleville; Autumn Lomax, 12, of Collinsville and Katy Parsons, 12, of Edwardsville all finished in the medals with Kellogg winning three of a possible five gold medals for performances vault, uneven bars and all-around while placing fourth on floor exercise. Lomax captured the

bronze on beam and finished sixth on bars while Parsons placed sixth on vault and ninth on beam.

At Level 8, Heather Marti, 16, of Greenville routed the competition, taking four of five gold medals including vault, beam, floor and all-around (35.65) and a bronze on bars.

Twisters, now in its second year, is coached by Cindi Marti of Greenville and owner/director Mickey Orr of Shiloh.

"This was the eighth annual classic," Orr said. "I've been good friends with the meet director, Scott Cusumano of Team Central, for many years. We both coached collegiately in the same region before moving to the St. Louis area in the mid-1980s. So I've attended the meet since its inception in 1992. It's the highest-caliber meet in the Midwest."

In 1992, Orr coached Bridget Coates of East St. Louis to the level 10 elite all-around title at the classic with a score of 38.00. Coates is now a senior competing for Cal State-Berkeley on a full gymnastics scholarship.

Recently at the Midwest Regionals, also in St. Louis, the Midwest Twisters' Level 4 team placed third

with the youngest and smallest team was Paige Harris, 3, of O'Fallon who placed first all-around including a gold medal performance on beam (9.4) and silver on floor exercise.

(9.1). Teammate Sarah Mihalick, 9, of O'Fallon earned a bronze on vault. Also competing were Emily Gustafson, 7; Sarah Rautio, 6 and Alayna Muldoon, 6, all from O'Fallon; Jenna Wood, 7, of Lebanon; and Katy Keeley, 6, of Belleville.

Competing at Level 5, Kellie Orr, 10 of Shiloh placed fourth on bars, beam and all-around and finished fifth on floor exercise. Also competing at Level 5 was Brandy Fish of Belleville.

The Level 6 team placed first in the team competition, led by Nicole Kellogg, who collected gold medals on vault, bars and all-around while placing second on floor exercise in the 11-and-under age division.

Teammate Dani McDaniel, 10, of Scott Air Force Base won the silver on vault, bars and all-around while finishing third on floor exercise.

Also competing at Level 6 were the Level 6 11-and-under division were

Britney Gilmore (bronze in vault and beam), Bridget Keeley of Belleville (bronze on beam) and Vanessa Zamarripa (fourth on vault).

Competing in Level 6 12-and-older, Autumn Lomax won the gold on bars and beam and silver on vault, vault, silver on bars and all-around and fourth on floor exercise. Also contributing to the team gold were Michelle Wilke, 11, of Belleville; Danie Huber, 11, of Greenville; and Jamie Peterson, 14, of Mascoutah.

"Midwest Twisters tries to accommodate all types of competitive gymnasts — those that want to compete at a national level and those that don't," Orr said. "All of our physical abilities, but not all want to be the next Shannon Miller. Although many will compete successfully at a high level, some simply enjoy the challenge and experience without committing their whole lives to the sport."

"It's really about instilling self-esteem in all the youngsters and challenging them within their capacities. Some gymnasts strive for national acclaim while others are satisfied to do well at the compulsory levels. This was a low-key meet and was exciting and fun for all the girls."

Competing at the USAG Level 6 Illinois State Championship meet in Oswego were Nicole Kellogg, Dani McDaniel, Autumn Lomax and Katy Parsons. Kellogg was fifth on floor and seventh on bars, McDaniel placed fifth on beam and Parsons finished seventh on vault.

"It was a great accomplishment for Autumn and Katy to qualify to this event in their first year in USAG," Orr said. "Last year they competed in non-USAG meets only as Level 5's and trained only six hours per week. Unfortunately, Nicole was ill the day of the meet and did not compete her best. I expect Nicole, Autumn and Dani all to have a successful season at Level 7 next year. Katy has decided to pursue cheerleading."

At the Level 7/8 state meet in DeKalb, Chelsea Evans, 10, and Gabi Sypher, 10, both of Fairview Heights — were in the Level 7 competition with Sypher placing sixth on beam (9.425). Evans hit season-high scores of 34.50 all-around and 8.90 on beam.

Heather Marti, competing at Level 8, scored a 9.10 on beam to earn the state title in that event en route to a silver medal in all-around with a score of 33.55. Marti also earned a silver on vault and fourth on floor exercise.

Midwest Twisters have variety of offerings for athletes of all ages

In addition to competitive gymnastics for girls, Midwest Twisters offers: "Playful Parenting" for toddlers and parents beginning at 18 months. It involves movement exploration and introductory level gymnastics in a safe, clean and enriched environment. Each weekly session is 55 minutes.

"Perpetual Motion" is a three-level program for boys and girls ages 3-5. Emphasis is on fitness and fun with progressive skill learning on small-scale apparatus including bars, beam, tumbling,

vault, trampoline, Tumbi-Trak and rings. Small groups, no sitting. Each weekly session is 55 minutes.

"Gym-Kids" for boys or girls ages 6 and older. Emphasis is on fitness and fun in a five-level progressive program skill learning on Olympic apparatus including beam, bars, vault, tumbling, trampoline, Tumbi-Trak and more. Each weekly session is 55 minutes.

Twisters also offers tumblers and cheerleaders ages 6 and older in a five-level progressive program. State-of-the-art apparatus allows

quality learning and repetitions safely and efficiently. Beginner through advanced intermediate, 35 minutes per week; advanced, 90 minutes per week.

"Cheer United" offers youth, junior, all-girl and coed programs for select cheerleaders who want to participate independently of their schools on a national level. Directed by Shannon Soland, 1997 UCA Coach of the Year.

Midwest Twisters was founded by Orr in 1997 after having coached at

World Class Gymnastics in Fairview Heights from 1988 to 1995. Orr served on the USAG Illinois state board of directors from 1989 to 1995 and was selected by the USAG national office as a delegate to the 1996 World Congress in 1990. He has a national education presenter for USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Tumbling Association.

In 1992, Orr was voted USAG Region V (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan) Coach of the Year for his competitive success at

Level 10 and elite and having produced the only three national elite level gymnasts in southern Illinois and eastern Missouri during that time.

"Our competitive program is just getting off the ground," Orr said. "The facility was designed to accommodate all levels of gymnasts and to provide the best competitive training available. I am very excited about the future and returning to national level competition."

For more information, call Midwest Twisters at 628-3553.

East St. Louis sweeps titles at St. Clair meet

The conditions Wednesday at Clyde Jordan Stadium in East St. Louis weren't ideal for track and field, but didn't seem to matter to the East St. Louis Flyers.

East St. Louis rolled to an easy victory in the St. Clair County Girls Track Meet, scoring 197 points compared to

Belleville West (106) by 91 points. Rounding out the top five were Belleville East (101), Freeburg (90) and Cahokia (87).

Double winners for the Flyers included Dawn Harper in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles and Elisha Wright in the 100- and 400-meter runs. Freshman Shontia Chester won the 1,600 in 5 minutes 35 seconds and edged O'Fallon's Jennie Illig to win the 3,200 with a time of 11:48.

The Flyers' meet with all five relays and got individual titles from Deena Johnson (200 meters), Alana East (400 meters), Haywood (800 meters) and Ronnesia Clay (discus).

East St. Louis coach Nino Penny missed the meet due to a family emergency.

Belleville West, meanwhile, had a pair of champions: Christina Archibald won a rain-shortened high jump by going 4 feet 10 inches, while Danielle Lawary won the shot put with a throw of 39-11.

Belleville East had a pair of second-place finishers in Kristel Allen (160 meters) and Tiffany Webb (110-meter hurdles).

Freeburg's Allison Randle won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump.

The lone champion for Cahokia was Brandi Fowler in the long jump.

Boys meet

It was hardly a surprise, but East St. Louis dominated Tuesday's St. Clair County Boys' Track Meet at Belleville East.

The Flyers, in their fifth meet in 11 days, piled up 186 team points to beat runner-up Belleville East (105) by 81 points. East St. Louis was especially strong in the field events, winning the triple jump (Dru Lucky), discus (Andre Wilson) and shot put (Damien McCurdy). The Flyers won three relays.

Prep track

Madison County Boys Track Meet (Tuesday)

Team standings

1. Alton 135; 2. Granite City 120; 3. Collinsville 105; 4. Edwardsville 98; 5. Wood River 87; 6. Triad 78; 7. (tie) Highland 38; 8. (tie) Roxana 38; 9. Bethalto Civic Memorial 9; 10. Collinsville Christian Academy 3; Madison, Metro East Lutheran and Venice did not compete.

Individual results

Shot put — 1. Nathan Becker (EHS) 50.6; 2. Boyd (Roxana) 49.5; 3. Chad Burgess (Triad) 47.7; 4. Joe Bevis (EHS) 47.6; 5. Jeff Hard (GC) 47.2; 6. Travis Schwarz (CHS) 47.2; 7. K. Givens (CM) 46.0; 8. D. Marco Anderson (CHS) 44.8.

3,200 relay — 1. Edwardsville 8:21.7; 2. Granite City 9:22.2; 3. Alton 9:29.2; 4. Wood River 8:42.5; 5. Civic Memorial 8:53.2; 6. Triad 9:05.3; 7. Collinsville 9:12.0; 8. Roxana 9:46.0.

400 relay — 1. Alton 44.3; 2. Collinsville 45.6; 3. Triad 46.0; 4. Edwardsville 46.3; 5. Granite City 46.4; 6. Civic Memorial 46.8; 7. Wood River 47.3; 8. Highland 47.4.

Long jump — 1. Emmitt Loveless (Alton) 20-10; 2. G. Bruce (Alton) 19-10; 3. B. Kilman (GC) 19-5; 5. Earl Clark (GC) 19-4; 6. J. Warrenfeltz (Roxana) 18-9; 7. K. Phipps (Roxana) 18-9; 8. Derrell Dunlap (GC) 18-8.

3,200 run — 1. Andy Bratten (EHS) 9:54.0; 2. Talley (Highland) 10:11.3; 3. B. Campbell (Alton) 10:18.2; 4. D. Strackeljohn (Highland) 10:26; 5. N. Herrin (WR) 10:33; 6. Bobby Smiley (Triad) 10:37.8; 7. Jerry Curtis (GC) 10:40; 8. D. Shaw (EHS) 10:59.1.

110 hurdles — 1. Steven Schroeder (GC) 15.4; 2. Long (WR) 15.4; 3. Blake Westra (EHS) 15.4; 4. Bruce (Alton) 16.1; 5. McLean (EHS) 16.6; 6. John Kinscherff (CHS) 16.6; 7. Lee Helderer (Triad) 17.5; 8. Warrenfeltz (Roxana) 17.3.

100 — 1. Otis Redditt (Alton) 11.4; 2. Lorenzo Thompson (CHS) 11.5; 3. Allen (EHS) 11.8; 4. Josh Mefford (GC) 12.0; 5. Nolte (Highland) 12.2; 6. Phipps (Rox) 12.3; 7. Kennedy (CM) 12.4; 8. Justin Smith (GC) 15.8.

Discus — 1. Joe Bevis (EHS) 158-0; 2. B. Phipps (Roxana) 130-0; 3. D. Marco Anderson (CHS) 130-9; 4. Erik Kambarer (GC) 128-1; 5. Jason Everden (GC) 124-8; 6. Travis Schwarz (CHS) 123-9; 7. Chad Burgess (Triad) 115-0; 8. K. Marshall (WR) 113-2 1/2.

800 run — 1. Kerry Studnicki (WR) 1:58.2; 2. Kevin Atkins (GC) 2:00.1; 3. E. Shalndagle (WR) 2:04.9; 4. Joel Keller (EHS) 2:05.8; 5. B. Dodson (Alton) 2:06.7; 6. Nathanael Kotras (CCA) 2:06.7; 7. C. Bennett (Alton) 2:07.1; 8. Jeremiah Beckley (GC) 2:11.7.

800 relay — 1. Collinsville 1:33.0; 2. Alton 1:33.7; 3. Granite City 1:38.0; 4. Triad 1:38.4; 5. Highland 1:39.6; 6. Roxana 1:40.0; 7. Civic Memorial 1:44.1; 8. Wood River 1:45.5.

400 run — 1. Rich Skirball (GC) 51.2; 2. Brad Terry (CHS) 51.3; 3. D. Sweethear (Highland) 52.0; 4. J. Weigler (WR) 53.1; 5. D. McLean (EHS) 53.5; 6. T. Gatlin (Alton) 53.8; 7. O. Redditt (Alton) 55.6; 8. A. Christian (EHS) 55.6.

High jump — 1. E. Everage (Alton) 6-6; 2.

Dustin Doyle (CHS) 6-4; 3. Patrick Mays (Alton) 6-4; 4. Oberhol (EHS) 6-4; 5. D. Luster (EHS) 6-0; 6. Rich Evans (GC) 5-10; 7. Mike Simpson (GC) 5-10; 8. T. Williams (WR) 5-10.

300 hurdles — 1. John Kinscherff (CHS) 41.4; 2. Chris Merit (GC) 41.8; 3. Tim Hight (Triad) 42.0; 4. K. Phipps (Roxana) 42.5; 5. Steven (GC) 43.2; 6. G. Bruce (Alton) 43.3; 7. B. Long (WR) 43.5; 8. B. Westra (Triad) 43.9.

1,600 run — 1. Kevin Atkins (GC) 4:38.1; 2. B. Campbell (Alton) 4:42.9; 3. Matt Burgess (Triad) 4:44.1; 4. Bobby Smiley (Triad) 4:44.8; 5. K. Studnicki (WR) 4:47.8; 6. D. Talley (Highland) 4:48.0; 7. D. Strackeljohn (Highland) 4:50.7; 8. Dennis Davis (GC) 4:51.8.

200 — 1. Patrick Mays (Alton) 23.3; 2. Gray (WR) 23.4; 3. Redditt (Alton) 24.0; 4. Thompson (CHS) 24.1; 5. Nolte (Highland) 24.2; 6. Clark (GC) 24.3; 7. Allen (EHS) 25.2; 8. Brammer (EHS) 25.4.

1,600 relay — 1. Collinsville 3:29.2; 2. Wood River 3:32.8; 3. Civic Memorial 3:37.2; 4. Alton 3:38.3; 5. Granite City 3:40.2; 6. Triad 3:40.7; 7. Granite City 3:40.4; 8. Highland 3:40.7.

Triple jump — 1. Emmitt Loveless (Alton) 43-2; 2. Quinton Mamon (CHS) 41-1; 3. Jeremy Hunter (GC) 38-11; 4. Derrell Dunlap (CHS) 35-0; 5. Earl Clark (GC) 35-6; 6. J. Nelson (Alton) 37-7; 7. Williams (WR) 36-11; 8. J. Brokaw (GC) 37-5.

Madison County Girls Track Meet (Monday)

Team standings

1. Edwardsville 159; 2. Granite City 126; 3. Highland 118; 4. Collinsville 78; 5. Alton 56; 6. Triad 53; 7. Roxana 34; 8. Civic Memorial 24; 9. Metro East Lutheran 23; 10. Wood River 11; Madison 7; Collinsville Christian Academy and Venice did not compete.

Individual results

Shot put — 1. S. Weiss (Highland) 39-9; 2. R. Rheinecker (Triad) 34-9; 3. K. Thomaszewski (EHS) 32-8; 4. Kristin Frain (CHS) 32-3; 5. L. Monroe (GC) 31-9; 6. J. Marr (Triad) 30-4; 7. A. Proctor (Roxana) 29-10; 8. L. Allen (CHS) 28-6.

Discus — 1. S. Weiss (Highland) 120-6; 2. J. Frey (Highland) 110-4; 3. A. Monroe (GC) 90-0; 4. K. Thomaszewski (EHS) 85-7; 5. L. Ruiz (CHS) 84-7; 6. R. Rheinecker (Triad) 83-0; 7. Kristin Frain (CHS) 79-0; 8. M. Albrecht (EHS) 76-5.

Long jump — 1. A. Ridgeway (GC) 15-0; 2. L. Drazen (Highland) 15-1; 3. A. Redden (MELH) 15-0; 4. N. Bellman (GC) 14-8; 5. L. R. Brown (GC) 14-7; 6. K. Strackeljohn (High) 14-1; 7. J. Scott (EHS) 14-0; 8. K. Challaides (EHS) 13-10.

800 medley relay — 1. Edwardsville 1:56.1; 2. Granite City 1:57.2; 3. Roxana 2:01.8; 4. Highland 2:04.3; 5. Collinsville 2:08.8; 6. Triad 2:12.3; 7. Metro-East Lutheran 2:17.1.

3,200 relay — 1. Edwardsville 10:28.2; 2. Granite City 10:55.7; 3. Triad 11:10.3; 4. Civic Memorial 11:44.7; 5. Highland 11:50.3; 6. Roxana 12:04.2.

High jump — 1. K. Lamm (CHS) 4-8; 2. Wildhaber (Highland) 4-8; 3. (tie) White (GC) and Frey (High) 4-8; 5. Redden (MELH) 4-6; 6. White (Triad) 4-7; 7. Kirby (Triad) 4-4; 7. (tie) Duff (GC) 4-4; 7. (tie) McBrien (EHS) 4-4.

400 relay — 1. Edwardsville 52.3; 2. Alton 53.3; 3. Highland 54.4; 4. Granite City 55.5; 5. Roxana 55.9; 6. Collinsville 57.2; 7. Madison 57.5; 8. Triad 57.9.

3,200 run — 1. Aden (CM) 12:49.4; 2. Stacy Campbell (Triad) 13:13; 3. Nichols (EHS) 13:23; 4. Studnicki (WR) 13:44.5; 5. Koerkeimer (Highland) 13:34.3; 6. Shea (Highland) 13:59.6; 7. Kwomra (GC) 14:31.9; 8. Graser (CM) 15:20.3.

100 hurdles — 1. Kirby (EHS) 15.9; 2. Ridgeway (GC) 16.0; 3. Garrison (Alton) 16.1; 4. Studnicki (WR) 16.1; 5. D. on (EHS) 16.2; 6. Ray (CM) 16.3; 7. Whitt (Triad) 16.6; 8. Tevebaugh (CHS) 19.2.

100 — 1. Penelton (EHS) 12.8; 2. Kelly Zickus (CHS) 13.0; 3. Everage (Alton) 13.5; 4. Eaton (Roxana) 13.5; 5. M. J. Porter (Alton) 14.1; 6. Silas (Madison) 14.3.

800 run — 1. Amy Smith (EHS) 2:25.7; 2. P. Peach (Roxana) 2:33.1; 3. Nellie Shaul (EHS) 2:35.1; 4. R. Studnicki (WR) 2:38.2; 5. F. Ureisin (GC) 2:42.7; 6. K. Broecker (Highland) 2:47.7; 8. K. Jacquin (WR) 2:49.2.

800 medley — 1. Edwardsville 1:54.7; 2. Alton 1:56.5; 3. Highland 1:57.1; 4. Collinsville 1:58.3; 5. Madison 2:01.6; 6. Granite City and Triads 2:04.0; 8. civic Memorial 2:20.8.

400 — 1. S. Stapleton (EHS) 1:02.6; 2. Sarah Dorci (EHS) 1:04.9; 3. J. Mitchell (Highland) 1:05.4; 4. J. Scott (EHS) 1:05.6; 5. Landolt (Triad) 1:05.7; 6. Galaska (MELH) 1:07.7; 7. V. DeBourge (Highland) 1:08.8; 8. S. Gordon (Alton) 1:08.8.

Triple jump — 1. Lori Thebeau (CHS) 32.5; 2. E. Strackeljohn (Highland) 32-0; 3. K. Penelton (EHS) 31-11; 4. J. Kuehn (GC) 30-7; 5. A. Studnicki (WR) 29-10; 6. A. Redden (MELH) 28-9; 7. Jean Rekowski (CHS) 28-7; 8. A. Dixon (EHS) 28-5.

300 hurdles — 1. Garrison (Alton) 49.7; 2. Kelly Zickus (CHS) 49.8; 3. A. Ridgeway (GC) 51.0; 4. R. Thomas (EHS) 51.2; 5. J. Kuehn (GC) 51.3; 6. A. Grant (Roxana) and E. Strackeljohn (Highland) 52.2; 8. D. Dean (EHS) 55.5.

1,600 — 1. Amy Smith (EHS) 5:17.8; 2. Tester (GC) 5:01.0; 3. Studnicki (WR) 5:12.4; 4. Meyley (CHS) 5:23.8; 5. Shea (Highland) 5:26.1; 6. Koerkeimer (Highland) 5:28.3; 7. Irvin (CM) 5:33.1; 8. Roehl (Triad) 5:46.2.

200 — 1. K. Kirby (EHS) 27.0; 2. Kelly Zickus (CHS) 27.4; 3. N. Bellman (GC) 27.7; 4. Galaska (MELH) 28.3; 5. Drozen (Highland) 28.5; 6. Koerkeimer (Highland) 28.8; 7. Moore (WR) 29.6; 8. Wilkinson (Highland) 30.2.

1,600 relay — 1. Alton 4:22.8; 2. Edwardsville 4:27.3; 3. Granite City 4:36.1; 4. Triad 4:36.2; 5. Roxana 4:38.0; 6. Highland 4:40.5; 7. Collinsville 4:43.6; 8. Wood River 4:43.8.

Boone Valley celebrates fourth year

The Senior PGA Tour's Boone Valley Classic has given St. Louis area golf fans one more reason to support the 1999 tournament.

In addition to a week of championship golf, the first 2,000 patrons who purchase the \$50 general admission ticket will also receive a complimentary 18-hole green complimentary follow golf club (Monday-Friday; cart excluded) and a dozen Boone Valley Classic golf balls.

The prestigious tournament, now in its fourth year, is scheduled for May 24-30 at Boone Valley Golf Club in St. Charles County, Mo. A top professional is expected to return to St. Louis to challenge defending champion Larry Rasmussen for \$1.4 million in prize money.

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Atkins shows versatility for Warriors

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"But what an athlete does with that gift is what makes the difference between the athletes that are considered good and the ones that are called great. Kevin has worked very hard to develop his talents. From the time he came in as a freshman in our program, he has bought into everything that we have wanted him to do. He not only attends practice everyday religiously, so you don't have to worry about him missing or falling out of the training regime, he is there everyday doing what he is asked to do and doing it to the best of his ability. Our practice philosophy and our team philosophy is extremely simple: We ask that the athlete shows up with a positive attitude and works hard. If they are willing to do

that, then they will achieve whatever goals that they set for themselves. That's what Kevin does and he is reaching his goals."

"There are a lot of coaches in the area, like Coach Tim Farmer from Edwardsville and John Burnett from O'Fallon, that kind of work on getting people from the area together," Atkins said. "We'll go work out on our own. Coach Tom Miller from Granite is a big help. He helps keep me running a lot during the offseason. I just have a lot of people that if I need to go run with them then I can call someone and almost always find somebody to go work out with. I work a lot in the offseason."

Atkins has a legitimate shot for contending for a sectional championship and state honors. "He is currently the top distance runner in the area,"

Briggs said. "So if things hold true to form, he has a very good chance of performing well at sectionals and qualifying for state. But you can never take anything for granted. Just being good now won't get you to state; you have to be good on that day. So we are continuing to work hard. We know that he is going to get better as the season goes along. We are very excited about the sectional meet, but we are not taking it for granted. We have a purpose from now until the end — if Kevin shows up and works hard, we'll get it done."

"I would like to go to the sectionals and win, but I definitely know that I want to run the state qualifying time, because I don't know what may happen," Atkins said. "It changes from day to day, because I know that there are other runners from the area who, if they train hard enough

and they pushed early enough in the race, it could be something more than just winning — it could be more going out and just running for the state qualifying time. But I would like to be able to win sectionals and go on to state that way. Right now, I think I could make it into the finals at state, I would be more than happy because that is tough competition with all the runners from up north in Chicago that we don't ever see. They make people like Nathan Purcell from Salem — he is just awesome and dominates anytime I run against him — and they will go up there and just blow him into the final heat, I would be more than happy."

Atkins' dedication on the track is complete, and that work ethic extends to the classroom. That combination should provide the velocity it will take for him to race on to college. "He is also a very good student," Briggs said. "He is excelling not only with the work he puts into track and cross country, but he is a top student. That combination is what is going to make him valuable to college recruiters, because not only will he be able to help them athletically, but they won't have to worry about his academics. He can carry the load."

"We have winter conditioning programs, and Kevin shows up and works hard all the time. So he doesn't take a break between cross country and track and allow himself to go backward. He continues to step forward. He also works during the summer, so he is a year-round athlete. We are smart enough to take rest breaks when we need them, but he is smart enough to work hard when he should be. So that combination of talent, desire and intelligence is what I think makes him the top athlete that he is."

Tigers hold off Granite City

By Greg Shashack
Staff writer

While Collinsville pinned the first loss of the season on the Tigers, the Belleville East team pulled out a tie for first place in the Southwestern Conference. Nick Seibert had two hits and three RBI and pitched three innings to earn the win in Edwardsville's 9-7 conference victory at Granite City.

The Tigers improved to 16-3 overall and 6-1 in the SWC. Belleville East fell to 19-1 overall and 6-1 with its

loss to Collinsville, which is 12-3 and 5-2.

Edwardsville bolted to an 8-0 lead before Granite City rallied with three runs in the fifth inning and four in the seventh. Seibert allowed just one hit in the first three innings while walking one and striking out six. His record improved to 7-1. Chris Johnson and Brett Zika closed out the game. Edwardsville scored nine runs on eight hits — including two each by Seibert, Tim Hansel and Travis Riggs. Devin Mayes took the loss for the Warriors, who committed eight errors in the game.

Kahoks pin first loss on Belleville East

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other. The call upstaged a great game between the Kahoks (12-3) and the Lancers (19-1) which allowed the Kahoks to close within one game in the league standings.

"We just played hard and they played hard," McFall said. "We'd get up, and they would come right back. We'd get up again and they would come back. That's Belleville East-Collinsville baseball. That's kind of the way it goes."

Collinsville added to its lead with four runs in the bottom of the fifth against

Brinkley and reliever Brad Binder. Three hits, two walks, an error and two wild pitches fed the outburst.

An East error also continued the first inning, in which Jason Kostoff smacked a three-run shot to give the Kahoks the early lead.

"That's not a typical Belleville East game," said Schutzenhofer, whose team committed three errors. "We've been averaging less than an error a game, so it's uncharacteristic of us."

East managed two-run innings in both the fifth and sixth against Collinsville starter Ken Lutz.

Warriors win pool, advance to semifinals

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Saturday in the semifinal round. Three semifinals had been determined but one was to be determined Friday before the semifinals could be seeded.

Of the teams that had advanced Affton (Mo.) Cor Jesu was the top seed so far with 14 points. Frontenac (Mo.) St. Joseph's Academy was second with 13 points and Granite City had 11.

"All we know is that it's at 2 p.m.," Baker said. "We have been on the road so much, it's been brutal."

The Warriors were expecting a shot in the arm for the semis with the return of suspended striker Felicia Mohsen.

"We get Felicia back Saturday, and that will help," Baker said. "But Amber (Hubert) got hurt against Columbia Hickman. She got hurt against them last year, same deal this year. It was just a tackle at the ball and a collision. It was no one's fault,

but she has a stiff knee. It made a lot of progress so far, which I didn't think I'd say she is very doubtful for Saturday. It would be fantastic if she could play, but if she could just play Tuesday (against Belleville East), we would be delighted."

Into the breach has stepped Deroset, a junior varsity striker who has exhibited big-league scoring punch. Deroset scored the game-winner against Incarnate Word and the first goal against Howell before freshman Erin Tyler put the Warriors ahead.

"Coming off the junior varsity, Holly really came through when we needed her," Baker said. "And the field was slow, wet, muddy. She gave us a great effort. She scores two good goals, a game-winner against Incarnate. She was pretty much a force to be reckoned with. Her shot is good and she is aggressive to the ball, and that is what we need. She has more than won a spot on the varsity."

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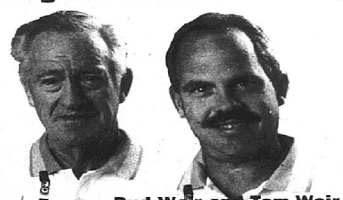
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'Lost and Found' real turkey on many different levels

"Lost and Found" is so lame on so many levels, it's hard to know where to begin.

REVIEW

How about beginning on a positive note, with the one or two elements that do work: David Spade has a few cute lines. He probably intended to have more — after all, he co-wrote this disaster. He also does a funny Neil Diamond lip-synch in which he darts and stomps across the stage, capturing Diamond's decades-old shtick.

And the dog — the thing that is lost and found — is adorable, despite his incessant growling and yapping.

Now for the places where the film missteps:

The acting. The dialogue. The plot. The very premise.

Spade plays Dylan Ramsey, not that the name matters because it's the same role he plays in everything: Quick-talking smart-aleck, spewing sarcastic one-liners. This time, he owns an Italian restaurant and lives in a hip Spanish-style apartment near the beach in Los Angeles.

Dylan has the hots for Lila Dubois (Sophie Marceau), the gorgeous French cellist living downstairs. Lila has moved to L.A. from Paris to revive her musical career, and to ditch her smarmy, cheating boyfriend, Rene (Patrick Bruel).

Rene, who tracks her down, is so stereotypically French he wears black jeans, a black T-shirt and a black blazer on the beach. When Lila confronts him about his infidelity, he utters in a thick accent, "What

can I say? I am a man who loves too much."

Lila's shaggy brown terrier, Jack, runs away repeatedly (you'd think she'd learn after the first few escapes to keep her window shut) and Dylan sees this as the perfect opportunity to get to know his intriguing neighbor. He returns Jack again and again, but Lila brushes him off each time.

Finally — get this wacky idea — Dylan decides to kidnap the frisky pup and then pretend to help Lila find him. That way he looks like a hero and she'll fall hopelessly in love with him. Right?

Right. That's exactly what happens. But this movie is so predictable, the ending is obvious from the start. It's also clear that, because Rene is the bad guy, he'll get his in

the end.

Before all this can happen, "Lost and Found" must rip off a more successful recent comedy. The doggie sight gags are straight out of "There's Something About Mary," although that was a much smarter film. Jack takes a tumble in a clothes dryer, gets flung against the back seat of a car and wallows in his own vomit. He even goes to a "dog whisperer," a New Age therapist played by a misused fellow "Saturday Night Live" alum, Jon Lovitz.

There also are big-haired widows dressed in muumuu, another nod to "There's Something About Mary." Rose Marie and Maria Gibbs portray two of the ladies who play strip poker and swirl teineken in a nearby apartment, and their presence

is totally extraneous.

Other unnecessary subplots involve Dylan's business partner Mark (Mitchell Whitfield) and a lost anniversary ring, and Dylan's quest for a loan from a bank president played by Martin Sheen.

There's even a Chris Farley figure to re-create the feel of those other Spade classics, "Tommy Boy" and "Black Sheep." Artie Lang plays Wally, an overweight, overbearing delivery boy at the restaurant who wants to be Dylan's protegee. He moves in with Dylan, bleaches his hair and wears the same clothes. Lang tries to imitate Farley's

over-the-top style, but falls short.

With all these "Saturday Night Live" references, it's only appropriate that "Lost and Found" has the writing and pacing of a TV comedy. Any minute, you expect Spade to break into his insincere flight-attendant routine and offer a slimy "buh-bye." Too bad he doesn't; it would have been one of the funnier lines in the movie.

"Lost and Found," a Warner Bros. release, was directed by Jeff Pollack and written by Spade, J.B. Cook and Marc Meeks. Running time: 100 minutes.

— Associated Press

Movie schedule

Film timetable for Sunday
Sunday, May 2. For times on other days or to confirm those times, check local theaters.

CARMIE PETITE
1-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.
344-1708
Lila (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
Entrapment (PG-13) 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25
Lost and Found (PG-13) 2:05, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDS-VILLE CINEMA
Cottleville, Ill., 456-6300
The Other Sister (PG-13) 2:15, 7:10
The Hot Chick (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15
Lila is Beautiful (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-5630
October Sky (PG) 2:15, 7:15
Lila is Beautiful (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900
Pushing Tin (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
Forces of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20
Cruel Intentions (R) 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05
Lila (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Entrapment (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:10
Entrapment (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:25

Ed TV (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 8:00
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:55, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45
Payback (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35
Twin Dragons (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15
Lila is Beautiful (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50
Shakespeare in Love (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
The Other Sister (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40

QUAD CINEMA
Belleview, Ill., 233-1220
Lila (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
The Matrix (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
Doug's First Movie (G) 2:00, 6:45

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 388-8393
Baby Geniuses (PG) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:15
Analyze This (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 9:40
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:25
Lost and Found (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
Go (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45
The Matrix (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
The Matrix (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
Foolish (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:20
Idle Hands (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:10
The Out of Towners (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 9:35

SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDS-VILLE
6823 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469
Forces of Nature (PG-13) 2:45, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
Lost and Found (PG-13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40
The Matrix (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 2:45, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
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10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:40, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
The Out of Towners (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 6:45, 9:00
Life (R) 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:45
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Entrapment (PG-13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
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Cahokia Mounds will participate in the 20th Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival Saturday, May 8, starting at 2 p.m.

Gayle Ross, of Cherokee ancestry, will present a program of stories and legends relating to her heritage. The Cahokia Mounds program is free and open to the public, and will be held in the Interpretive Center auditorium.

Kid's Day, one of Cahokia Mound's largest events, will be held Sunday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside the Interpretive Center. In case of rain, activities will be moved inside.

There will be many hands-on activities for kids of all ages, including making arrowheads and pinch pots, grinding corn with stones or a wooden mortar and pestle, playing Indian games, and face painting with prehistoric Indian designs.

There will be an exhibit of animal hides and tracks, live birds of prey from the World Bird Sanctuary, and perform-

ances by the Kahok Dancers. This free event is an ideal family outing and learning experience for all.

The spring Nature/Culture Hike will be held Sunday, May 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. An archaeologist and a naturalist will lead hikers along trails through grassland, woodland and wetland settings, discussing Indian uses of the plants and animals seen along the trail, as well as any mounds and archaeological excavations encountered. The event is free and open to the public. Hikers should dress for the weather and bring something to drink. The hike will be canceled if it is raining.

A new exhibit, "Transportation Archaeology in May and can be viewed at Cahokia Mounds through September. Prepared by the Illinois Department of Transportation, this exhibit includes some very detailed and exquisite miniature dioramas created by exhibit specialist Fred Brown, who made bricks, structures, tools, and people for these scale models.

Four important sites associated with systems of transportation are featured: The 1841 Edward Mitchell House, a Greek Revival farm house in the Illinois Valley; the Old Landmark Tavern, a 19th century, one-story log structure that was a stagecoach stop on the Vincennes to St. Louis "trace," or road; the Bushnell Pottery, an 1850 pottery kiln and factory in northwestern Illinois; and the Kuhn Brewery, a mid-century structure in northwestern Springfield. Guided tours of Cahokia Mounds will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in May. Visitors should meet the guide at the Monks Mound parking lot for a tour of Monks Mound and the Stockade reconstruction.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAY 2
As the moon transits into the sign of the archer, Sagittarius, a little bit of energy goes a long way. Suddenly, everyone wants to travel in the name of spontaneity and adventure. A far-fetched idea could become a reality, so be careful what you wish for. Appreciate those at home, too, as the grass is truly not greener on the other side.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(May 2). Hard work is the ticket to making dreams come true. Shortcuts are tempting but ineffective this month. Love in June is mature and caring.

Marriage is a September event. You'll probably change jobs before the new year.

Your best signs for love are daring Scorpio and adventurous Sagittarius. Your lucky numbers are 2, 19, 24, 39 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An obstacle that once seemed insurmountable is looking smaller all the time. Play by the rules this afternoon, and you are quite likely to get what you want. Keep a firm grip on all funds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Consider a financial proposition more carefully before deciding. Students and subordinates follow your example in more ways than one.

A spouse or lover only wants what's best for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You charm everybody in your capacity as a host or hostess. Old schoolmates or co-workers contribute their energies to a creative project.

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22). Talk over your ideas with a colleague, and you discover something previously overlooked. Everything falls into place as you win a small victory. Honesty is crucial to the development of a romantic relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A sharp opponent really gives you a run for your money. Avoid bickering over trifles. Changes in your domestic situation are enlivening. A relative makes a business proposition that you would do well to diplomatically

reject.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). First impressions can be misleading today; try to reserve judgment. You can't expect to be successful on your first attempt; go back, revise, and try again. An evening alone with a lover is all you need to cultivate romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid letting a difference of opinion ruin a friendship. A change of scenery completely alters your outlook on life.

The solution to an old problem suddenly becomes clear. A financial bonus makes a purchase possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A colleague or co-worker seeks your assistance in a family matter. You are asked to deliver an important message. Be willing to bend the rules a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Help family members celebrate an important occasion. Try not to take a loved one's decision personally. A friend has much to learn from you. Children have difficulty accepting new authority figures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Healing forces are with you; a medical breakthrough may be announced.

A cheerful exchange makes you feel lighter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A relative is uncomfortable when you reveal something very personal. Go that extra mile on a work or school project to get the recognition you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Powerful relationships are formed that will relieve stress. A job well done is a major emphasis of the day.

Love in the evening is playful. Emotions are invested in what appears from the outside to be casual.

Coburn still tough guy

Although James Coburn has played the tough guy for most of his career, it took his role as a boozing, abusive father in "Affliction" to finally get the attention of the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

"I guess it's the first time I deserved the Oscar," Coburn said in the April 24 edition of TV Guide.

Winning the Academy Award for best supporting actor was "a thrilling experience, and it still hasn't set in," he adds.

All the same, Coburn hasn't completely shaken his tough-as-nails persona. He's currently filming a Hallmark Hall of Fame television movie called "Atticus," in which he plays a father searching for answers about his son's mysterious death.

Coburn's dozens of films include "Our Man Flint" and "The Magnificent Seven."

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Sales managers should be thinking of fishing for good people

By Ric Hoerz

"It's that time of year. Unless you're an Eskimo or live in the northern states and find ice fishing attractive, you are probably just beginning to think about the upcoming fishing season."

As sales managers, we should be thinking about fishing as well. No, not for trout or largemouth bass at the lake, but for good sales people.

How often have you been surprised by one of your sales

people saying, "Oh, by the way, I have accepted a position at company XYZ. I'm starting in two weeks."

Now you have to find a qualified sales person in less than two weeks. You can't train and get him or her up to speed as soon as possible — hopefully before the other sales person leaves.

Fat chance of that happening. Smile, it could be worse. You could be like some sales managers that have a

"slacker" or two in their midst contaminating the whole sales team. Unfortunately you can't fire them because you can't find anyone better to take their place or you just don't want to go through the painful process of hiring.

Fishing for good sales people is usually not as much fun as fishing for rainbow or bass on a lazy Sunday afternoon. It's more like fishing for food to keep you alive. When fishing becomes that serious and necessary, it's no longer any fun.

Hiring sales people is sort of the same. When you have to find a good sales representative in order to keep your business, it does take the fun out of the whole hiring process.

Okay, so you want to schedule a nice relaxing weekend fishing, what are the steps you take?

Schedule the time for the activity. Locate the area in which you are most likely to get positive results. (Ask yourself where are the kind of

fish you are looking for most likely to be?)

Decide on how you are going to attract what you are looking for. Choose the right bait.

Decide what means you will use to get that bait in front of the right fish.

Learn from the pros techniques required to catch as many as you attract. Last, but not at all least, go fishing when you do not need the fish as food to survive.

You can fish for potential sales representatives the same way. Don't wait until you have to hire someone. Instead,

schedule times within your regular activities to go "fishing" on your terms.

Follow the same steps as above.

When you find people who would make good sales people for your company, put them in a "people bank" for future contact. Then you can take them to the next hiring step when timing is right for you.

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ISPs are not going to fear—they provide the way to the Web

By Kirk Francis

ISP. Yes, I know, another acronym for something in the crazy and confusing world of computers.

It's time to put an end to that confusion. ISP is an important acronym, essential to getting you on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

ISP stands for Internet Service Provider, a company that provides access to the Internet and the World Wide Web. An ISP can be big or small, and there are many to choose from, including large national providers or small, local providers.

Choosing an ISP is all about what you want. For many, customer service is the biggest issue when getting started with

an ISP — being able to talk with someone and ask them ask them pertinent questions about the Internet and the World Wide Web.

I'm assuming, of course, that you already know or have heard of the Internet and the World Wide Web (some refer to it as the Web). Put simply, the Internet is the infrastructure of a vast sea of digital information.

The World Wide Web is the most popular place people go on the Internet to find different web sites (or places) that have information about an infinite number of subjects because it presents the information graphically.

Okay, back to ISPs. Many larger ISPs are lacking in customer service, especially when it comes to "logging on"

to their network.

"Logging on" means gaining access to your account with your ISP. The larger ISPs have been criticized because customers haven't been able to consistently access their service during peak hours — the time when most want to be on the Web surfing around.

At times, people sit at their computer and wait while their computer continually re-dials the number used to get into the larger ISP, while getting a busy signal. And even after getting access to their service, customers can be "thrown off" for any reason, meaning they are discarded from the system because a lot of people are online. Then, you have to try log on again.

Smaller ISPs have been able to sell themselves on

combating this feature alone. You'll often hear "instant access, no busy signals." And this, for the most part, is true.

You will be able to "surf" the Internet much more conveniently compared to those who use a larger provider.

Why is this the case? With a smaller ISP, there is less traffic. Therefore, they generally have more accessible phone connections. There is also less clutter in their system you have to go through to get connected to the Internet.

The upside to the larger ISPs is the services they offer. Many of the larger ISPs have an expansive amount of services you can tap into when you log on to their service. Things like news, sports,

weather, stock quotes and e-mail can be accessed easily and immediately. You can access similar services with a small ISP, but you might have to use a different method.

The larger ISPs are selling all-inclusive service. For many, that's perfect. But to others more freedom to pick and choose the different services offered is better.

I think I've given you some issues to consider about ISPs. Here are some things to remember:

You absolutely need an ISP to get on the Internet and browse the World Wide Web.

Choosing a bigger or smaller ISP is related to what features you want.

Using a larger ISP can create roadblocks with busy signals and getting bumped off

their systems, but a larger ISP can provide you with all-inclusive service to get you started.

Smaller, or local, ISPs provide you with greater customer service and more freedom to browse the Internet and the World Wide Web.

The most important thing to remember is, if you don't know, ask a lot of questions and ask more than one person.

Do you have a question for Kirk? Visit web site www.esolutionsbykirk.com.

Kirk Francis is the founder and president of Integrated Solutions, an Internet and information technology consulting company in St. Louis.

Saving, investing now can pay off when it's time for college

By Judith Kamp

The cost of a college education is now rising at approximately four to five percent annually, down from the double-digit increases of just a few years ago. Still, over the last 10 years, college costs have doubled.

If your child was 8 years old in 1998, his or her first year in a public college is projected to cost \$18,000, which includes tuition, fees, books, room and board, transportation and other miscellaneous expenses, according to the College Board's annual survey of college expenses.

The single biggest mistake you can make is waiting to invest until you're earning

more. Investing a manageable amount today lets you take advantage of compounded interest. You will need to decide whether to invest in your child's name or your own. The decision should be based on how much control you want over the account when it is released to the child. There can be tax advantages to investing in your child's name.

The second step is to choose among a number of investment alternatives. Here are some options: Education IRA. This type of individual retirement account allows a maximum contribution of \$500 per

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If taxes are a concern, you may want to consider purchasing municipal zero coupon bonds, which are free from federal income tax. Keep in mind that if you need to sell your bonds before they mature, you may receive more or less than you paid for them. Market prices of zero-coupon bonds are more volatile than ordinary, interest-bearing

bonds. 529 plans. These plans, named for the section of the tax code that created them, are qualified state tuition assistance programs that offer a systematic way to save for a child's education. They are subject to approval and adoption by individual states, and not all states have adopted them.

Earnings on the account assets are tax-deferred, and as long as withdrawn earnings are used for qualified higher education expenses, they are taxed at the student's marginal tax rate. Any part of the withdrawn earnings not used for qualified higher education expenses is assessed a penalty when it is withdrawn.

Do your homework now. You don't want to learn any hard lessons later.

Federal law prohibits participants from directing their own investments in these plans, so these plans are less flexible than others.

college-savings plans. Because you don't direct your own investments, you may not be happy with the potential returns you receive. See your financial consultant before locking up your money in one of these plans.

Do your homework now. You don't want to learn any hard lessons later.

Judith Kamp is vice president-investments at the A.G. Edwards office in Town and Country.

Missouri casinos petition Gaming Commission to allow open boarding

By Kim Wright
Staff writer

Casinos want the Missouri Gaming Commission to allow open boarding, but opponents still want restrictions enforced.

Casino representatives told the commission at a hearing Tuesday in Maryland Heights City Hall that open boarding would provide faster and more convenient service. Boarding is now allowed for either two or three-hour excursions.

Those opposed to open boarding are concerned that allowing it would lead to getting rid of the \$500-loss limit.

The gaming commission has

not set a time to make a decision on the request, commission spokesman Harold Bailey said.

Leading the testimony in favor of open boarding was Vern Jennings, general manager of Harrah's Casino in Maryland Heights. He argued that boarding times were established to prevent docked casinos from having an advantage over cruising casinos. He added that since all casinos are now docked there was no need for the boarding times.

Additionally, boarding times force guests to wait in long lines, especially on weekends and holidays, Jennings said.

"Open boarding would be a significant improvement for gaming guests," Jennings said.

Some casino patrons at the hearing agreed with him that the lines create frustration and inconvenience.

"One of the most frustrating things I like about the \$500-loss limit is that it keeps business guests," said Bill Sinclair, a patron of President Casino on the downtown St. Louis riverfront. "It's hard to explain why they have to wait to board."

Others testified that the long line isn't just a problem when boarding. They said people boarding all at once causes long waits for drinks, change and tables.

"The change situation is unbearable," Sinclair said. "A customer who is already there during boarding time can't get change."

The commission's main concerns regarding open boarding are enforcing the \$500-loss limit and admission fees. C.E. Fisher, executive director of the Missouri Gaming Commission, said in a prepared statement.

Boarding passes issued to each guest will continue to insure that the \$500-loss limit is not violated and turnstiles will still be used to monitor the amount of guests coming and

going, Jennings said. Additionally, security personnel can do a more effective job of weeding out intoxicated guests and under-age individuals, Jennings said.

Harold H. Hendrick, a spokesperson for Missouri's Christian Civic Foundation, argued that when voters approved casino gambling in the state, the boats were to cruise the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and that there would be limited access and a \$500-loss limit for every two hours.

"Now the gamblers want to overturn earlier gambling rule

agreements by further liberalizing gambling activities by unlimited access to the casinos," Hendrick said.

Mark Andrews of the organization Casino Watch said the open boarding issue should be decided by the Missouri General Assembly.

"Let the legislature change the rules and have this debate," Andrews said. "The Missouri Gaming Commission is a regulatory agency that regulates gaming in this state, and we question whether you (the gaming commission) should be changing the rules."

The city has asked for a jury trial in its case against the gun industry. The lawsuit could take several years to wind its way through the courts.

St. Louis joins long list of cities filing suit against gun makers

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

St. Louis is taking the nation's gun makers to court.

Reminiscent of the various states' legal moves against the tobacco industry, Mayor Clarence Harmon is leading the charge to recoup the cost of gun violence and accidental shootings from the manufacturers of firearms.

Seeking an undetermined amount, city attorneys on April 30 filed the lawsuit in Circuit Court against gun makers, trade associations and a North County gun shop linked to the 1997 Lindell Bank robbery and killing.

Harmon said he has been seeking such an action since he came into office. He said the timing was not linked to the school shooting tragedy in

Colorado. "It had nothing to do with any particular event," Harmon said. "This has been a long time coming. Our city and its citizens have borne the human and financial cost of gun violence for far too long."

The lawsuit alleges the gun industry has made overwhelming profits at the expense of St. Louis citizens. The suit argues that gun makers have failed to pursue measures to make firearms safer and, in doing so, have cost the city millions of dollars.

"It is impossible to fully compensate the City of St. Louis and its citizens who have suffered tragedy as a result of gun violence," Harmon said.

"However, where the city and its citizens can recoup resources needed to expended dealing with gun violence, we need to seek just compensation."

Just how much compensation is being sought has not been set. Deputy City Counselor Edward Hanlon said the law does not require the city to state a dollar amount for damages. There have been

costs of police protection, emergency services and medical care, he said. "We are still in the process of calculating what that exact amount will be," Hanlon said. "Although it would clearly be in the millions if not tens of millions of dollars."

Harmon said he hopes the city will not only be compensated for the losses,

but that gun manufacturers will be forced to take action to correct the problems.

Seven other communities, including Chicago, Atlanta and New Orleans, have filed similar lawsuits.

An attorney for one of the county's largest gun makers said the claims are unfounded and that local officials' time and money could be spent in better ways to deal with gun violence.

"The cities' actions are ill-advised and unwarranted," said Anne Kimball, an attorney for the Smith & Wesson Corp. as well as Sturm, Ruger & Co. "The fact that criminals steal or buy firearms illegally does not indicate that manufacturers have created a public nuisance."

"If criminals are getting

firearms, there are ways to deal with that problem."

The city named nearly 30 gun manufacturers in the suit as well as three shooting sports associations.

The gun dealer named in the lawsuit is Henry J. Cernicek of St. Louis. The owner of Marshall Gun Shop and Sales Co. in Dellwood, a North County municipality, is under federal indictment for allegedly selling the firearms to the two men who were convicted of killing a bank guard in the March 17, 1997 robbery of the Lindell Bank and Trust in the Hi-Pointe neighborhood. Hanlon said it was uncertain if more dealers would be added as the suit progresses.

Kimball expressed surprise to the city in filing the suit, considering the fact that the

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department has been a major buyer of Smith & Wesson firearms for the past 20 years.

"Using the manufacturers who are located far from St. Louis isn't going to better the situation," Kimball said.

Fire Chief Neil Svetanics said Emergency Medical Services teams have responded to 400 calls related to shootings this year and 1,500 more between 1996 and 1998. Police Chief Ron Henderson said gun violence is a top priority.

"We spend an awful lot of our time dealing with this issue of handguns," Henderson said. "Guns are the weapons of choice."

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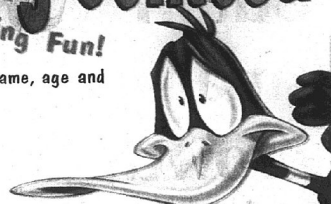
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Pictured from left are Lori Jacob, vice president of programs, Junior Achievement of Mississippi Valley; Eric Michaels, music director, KMJM-FM (104.9); Rick Powers, sports director, KDNL-TV (Channel 30); and Joe Waller, regional marketing manager, Hardee's Food Systems Inc.

Run/walk aids Junior Achievement

The annual Hardee's Memorial Day weekend run/walk through Forest Park has been expanded to include a third course.

In addition to the 5-km (3.1-mile) run and 1-mile walk, the event will feature a 10-km (6.2-mile) run.

Both runs begin at 8 a.m. May 29 in the upper Mundy Opera parking lot in the park. The walk follows at 8:30 a.m.

Registration is \$8. Forms may be picked up at area Hardee's restaurants and Schnucks Markets. The first 500 entrants will receive commemorative T-shirts.

Registration also may be made between 7 and 7:30 a.m. the day of the event in the Mundy Opera parking lot.

There are 10 age categories for both males and females in both races: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60 and over.

The top 100 finishers in each category will receive commemorative medallions.

The event will help raise funds for Junior Achievement, a nonprofit organization that teaches the fundamentals of the free enterprise system to students in kindergarten through high school.

The local chapter, Junior

Achievement of Mississippi Valley, is one of the largest in the country. It includes about

120,000 students from 34 counties in Missouri and Illinois.

Glen Carbon trying to buy land for 100-acre park

It could cost \$2 million if 100 acres are purchased

By Paul Mackle
Staff writer

Glen Carbon officials are trying to acquire a portion of land that could lead to construction of a 100-acre "mini-Forest Park" across from Village Hall.

At a cost of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per acre, the park could cost nearly \$2 million if 100 acres are purchased.

"This is the kind of thing we have to do when the opportunity arises," Mayor Ron Foster said. "We don't want the land to fall into private plans. (Such prime land) might not open up for another 50 years."

Officials said the 12 acres currently under negotiation are located in a wooded area near a set of recently abandoned railroad tracks. It would likely be accessed by automobile from Oakdale Lake Road.

The hope is that a park in the center of the village can be accessed by all Glen Carbon subdivisions through a complex web of bike trails that could be built on the old railroad

rights of way.

"The (railroad companies) have announced that they're abandoned," Foster said. "But they have not picked up all the ties yet."

Foster and other officials said provisions were made for the park in the village's 1996 master plan. Although grants from the Illinois Department of Conservation may be available in the future, officials said the land may be too expensive to acquire as much as 100 acres.

"That's why I don't think (the park) will be 100 acres," said Village Trustee David Brammiller, adding that it will be at least a "10-year project."

"This isn't all going to happen overnight," said Village Treasurer Bill Kleffman, who added that he envisions rolling land and shaded walking areas in a "mini-Forest Park."

The project is starting small, but Kleffman said the more land acquired for green space, the more economic advantages for the village. He said a 100-acre park could qualify the land as a state reserve, with the possibility of more available grants.



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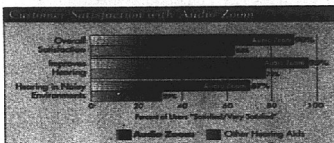
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Club plans painting project

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

On Saturday morning, about 35 women bearing ladders, paintbrushes and buckets of paint were to descend upon Ruby Lowry's Edwardsville home.

By 2 p.m. they should be gone, leaving behind a fresh coat of paint.

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Junior Service Club is painting Lowry's home as part of the Bucket Brigade project.

The Bucket Brigade is one of many projects sponsored by Alton's Pride Incorporated, said Robyn Lane of Edwardsville, chairwoman of the project for the Junior Service Club.

The goal of the Bucket Brigade is to paint about 60 houses around Madison County, Lane said. The Junior Service Club focuses on homes owned by senior citizens.

"This is (the Junior Service Club's) second year," Lane said. "We had a lot of fun. I think it's a hit, so we'll be doing it every year."

"(Pride Incorporated) specializes in community aesthetics," she said. "We've kind of taken it a step further to help out those who really need the assistance."

Sherwin Williams/Bred Dugan of Alton donated 300 gallons of paint for the project, and Lowe's Home Improvement of Alton donated 200 gallons, Lane said.

Alton's Bucket Brigade will be painting houses May 15, but because of a scheduling conflict the Junior Service Club chose this Saturday.

"Our rain date is May 8, but in the 15 years that Pride Incorporated's coordinator Dale Neudecker has been involved, it's never been rained out," Lane said.

"We went to the senior citizen's center and put a sign up listing the qualifications," Lane said. "Ruby was on the list last year, so that's why we chose her."

To qualify, a person had to own their home, and for the Edwardsville group, it had to be only one story, Lane said.